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2 pages **Narrative writing: Narrative writing was the one type used in 2017**

Gr 3 This story tells about Derrick’s first camping trip.

Write Derrick’s **journal entry** about this camping trip. Include information about **how the characters responded to the events** in the story as you write the journal entry.

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**This question is a text-based essay question. Write your essay in the space provided on the next page. Your essay should:**

* **Present and develop a central idea.**
* **Provide evidence/details from the passage(s).**
* **Include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.**

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Based on the passage, write an essay to explain how the author shows that Tony was a clever person. Be sure to use information from the passage to develop your essay.

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**Gr. 4 Narrative writing**

In “Those Wacky Shoes,” a girl has to outsmart a pair of shoes. Think about the details the author uses to create the characters, settings, and events.

Imagine that you, like the girl in the story, find a pair of wacky shoes that won’t come off. Write a story about how you find the pair of wacky shoes and what happens to you when you are wearing them. Use what you have learned about the wacky shoes when writing your story

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One page essay: Based on the article **and** the folktale, write an essay to explain how fear can affect people. Be sure to use information from the article and the folktale to develop your essay.

**Gr. 5 Narrative writing**

You have read a passage from “The Growin’ of Paul Bunyan.” Think about how the story would be different if it were told from Johnny’s point of view. Write the story from the point of view of Johnny. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

One page essay: Compare the speaker’s attitude in “First Night” to the speaker’s attitude in “Beech Leaves.” Be sure to use details from **both** poems to develop your essay.

**Gr. 6 Narrative writing**

In the passage from *Magic Elizabeth*, the author creates a vivid setting and two distinct characters, Mrs. Chipley and Sally. Think about the details the author uses to establish the setting and the characters. Write an original story about what happens when Sally arrives at Aunt Sarah’s house. In your story, be sure to use what you have learned about the setting and the characters as you tell what happens next. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Two page essay: Matthew Henson’s characteristics are revealed in the play *Matthew Henson: Explorer of the Arctic*. *Write an essay* that explains how the article “Maripaluk” helps the reader to understand Henson’s characteristics. Be sure to use information from both passages to develop your essay.

**Gr. 7 Narrative writing**

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1. *Present and develop a narrative* that uses details from the passage.
2. Include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation

At the end of the passage, Howie tells Kevin that he is not making a good case. Write an original story that describes what Kevin does next to try to change Howie’s mind about paying for Cromwell’s training \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Two page essay: Write an essay that explains how the article **and** the poem portray the blizzards of 1888. Use information from the article and the poem to develop your essay.

Gr. 8 Narrative writing\_

This question is a **text-based essay question**. Write your essay in the space provided in your Practice Test Answer Document. Your essay should:

* Present and develop a narrative that uses details from the passage.
* Include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Write a continuation of the story of Bahauddin Shah using details from the passage. Describe what you think might happen after Bahauddin Shah climbs out of the Salt Caverns. What obstacles might he face, and what actions might he take to overcome them? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Write an essay explaining how the themes in “Celeste’s Heart” and “Principals and Principles” are similar. Be sure to use information from **both** passages to develop your essay.