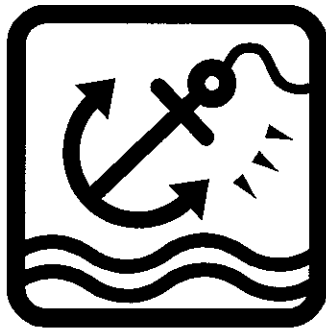


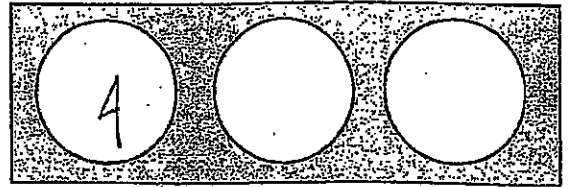
Oakland Unified School District Writing Proficiency Project



6th Grade Expository Anchor Papers Problem Students Face Prompt

Note: Please do not use the anchor papers with students prior to the administration of the Process Writing Assessment

Writing Sample
Middle School
START ESSAY HERE Gossip



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Have you ever been embarrassed to the point of never wanting to leave your house ever again? Do you think if you do then everyone outside will laugh at you because they found out your deepest darkest secret? Did you think you trusted someone but then they gossip about you? There are many problems middle schoolers face however, gossip is the biggest issue of all.

To begin, students don't feel good when people are spreading rumors about them. When a person finds out someone has been gossiping about them, they feel embarrassed. They also feel like every single person are laughing at them. Rumors can be true or not, but no matter what, they always hurt someone's feelings.

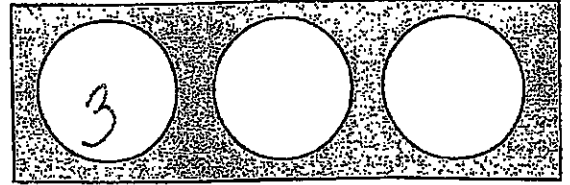
Additionally, students being nosy and want to know everyone's ~~has~~ ^{mess} causes gossip. When

Someone finds out or even makes up rumors about someone, they want that person to be really embarrassed. They will tell everyone they know about the secret they found out or made up, then those people tell more people, then those people tell more people, and it goes on until somebody puts an end to it. If I get told any rumors about someone I know, I will tell them about it.

Moreover, everyone gets gossiped about at least once in their lives. One day, I was telling my friend who I had a crush on, but another girl overheard me and told everyone I knew. Even him! It was so embarrassing and I don't even like him anymore but he won't stop talking to me! It was all because one nosy person wanted to embarrass someone else.

If you ever hear a rumor about anyone, tell that person. Because if you don't tell that person immediately, more people will hear it. They might misunderstand it, and it may end up being about you! Lots of middle school students have bad experiences with gossip, so it is the biggest middle school issue of all.

Writing Sample



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How would you feel if every day you go to school, you got squished in between 100 other students. How would this affect peoples school day, school works and Panther Purpose. Well I am going to be talking about one major middle school issue, crowds.

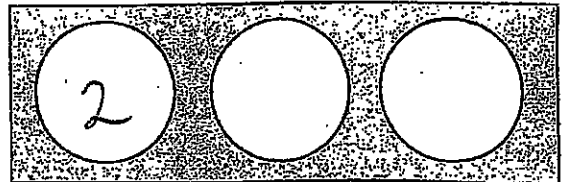
To begin, crowds are dangerous. If you fall, nobody is going to help you up. For some reason, no teacher ever sees it happen. One day somebody fell while going up the stairs. Everybody behind him just kept walking up like he wasn't there. He was trampled.

Secondly, It can cause fights, arguments and things like that. If somebody accidentilly trips somebody it will cause lots of people to fall to. Then someone out of that crowd is very likely to get mad, ant cause conflict. All caused, because someone couldnt even see their feet, or anyone elses. There are crowds at the vending machine that get out of control when someone takes to long to buy something. I think that that is insane and unnecessary.

Lastly, crowds are caused because people are impatient and because we don't have time to go to lockers, then class. If people would stop rushing to get to class by pushing people it would go more smoothly. The vending machine wouldn't be so chaotic if people could be more patient than they are.

As I have clearly explained crowds are one of the many huge middle school problems that could be fixed.

Writing Sample



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Have you been discriminated yes or no?

An important problem Middle School students is discrimination this is problem because they can get in a fight. The kids they are discriminated they feel sad, angry because they have the color of their skin. They not want to go to school because they said bad think about the culture.

What causes discriminations?

I think the causes discrimination is some kids do not like color of their skin. For example the other think causes discrimination is they not like culture because they not have a lot of money and money. Another example is the some kids not like other kids because they have a lot of problem with the country.

What you can do if they discriminated you?

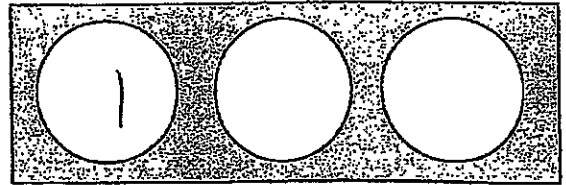
If they discriminated you can talk to teachers and you can talk with the kid why they discriminated you. For example if you were in my place and you ask if you could play and we said no you would feel sad, angry.

How you feel if you are discriminated?

If you are discriminated you feel sad, and mad because they not like you. Another example if they discriminated you feel angry, and forlorn.

An important problem middle school students is discrimination this is a problem because you can get in a bad. The kids the was discriminated feel sad, angry because they not like him because of the color of there skin. And some kids they not want to school because they not want to play with him.

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Raisim

My Main idea is about raisim in school. Raisim is about when people tell to another person that tell their color so that they could get mad and my #1 main idea is raisim by where they were born. Some people say that they say I hat Oakland it's more better. My other main idea #2 is raisim is state haha I am not from California I am from Texas and my introduction is an important problem is racism this a problem because it think about the color and where they were born and some time they fight then they stop the fight then they start calling out names that is raisim and another important is that they have to stop raisim cause they need to stop it cause some people causes try with heart someone feeling

and some time the teacher tell them
why; how did you start call names
so the person was calling is he started
to blame on him like it a latino / white
say you have to be right or spanish
I think that kids are racism that
anything might say it's some ones
color it like when people get mad
at each other some people hate teacher
caus the give ab of HW.

6th Grade Expository Anchor Papers: A Problem Middle School Students Face

Title	Score	Notes
Middle School Gossip	4	<p><i>Entertaining expository writing that corresponds to a 4 Advanced in the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis is presented in an engaging way and introduction grabs reader's attention. • Ideas are well developed and organized and transitions add to the effectiveness of the writing. • Relevant personal anecdote provides support for thesis. • Language is precise and lively with (<i>rumors, embarrassed, gossip, nosy, experiences.</i>) • Writing shows awareness of audience and direct address to audience adds to the rhetorical effectiveness of the piece. • There are few errors in spelling and conventions that are "first-draft" in nature.
"How would you feel if every day you go to school...."	3	<p><i>Clear and organized writing that corresponds to a 3 Proficient in the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic and thesis are clearly presented: "<i>Well I am going to be talking about one major middle school issue: crowds.</i>" • Writing has a clear beginning, middle and conclusion, though conclusion is underdeveloped. Ideas are supported with relevant details and examples • Word choice is specific: <i>trampled, conflict</i>. Sentence structure is varied. • Errors in spelling and conventions don't interfere with meaning
Have you been discriminated yes or no?	2	<p><i>Thesis and ideas presented, but underdeveloped in the writing that corresponds to a 2 Developing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important ideas about a significant problem are presented, but ideas are not supported with details or details are unclear. • Language is general and somewhat repetitive; student starts each paragraph with a question. • Student struggles with variations of the word <i>discrimination</i>. • Errors in spelling, grammar and conventions interfere with meaning; the reader often has to re-read sentences in order to understand
Raisim	1	<p><i>A "1" that is Emerging because the purpose is unclear and writing is confusing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction is hard to distinguish and there is no clear thesis. • Writer confuses components of essay with content of writing (<i>My introduction is an important problem....</i>) • Errors in conventions make the writing difficult to understand • Writing is not organized into clear sentences or paragraphs and the development of ideas is limited and hard to decipher.