

Student Sample # **611CB**
Grade 6 Baseline Expository

Grade 6 Prompt:

Each of us has a favorite book, sport, item, or activity. Think about one of your favorites. Write a multiple-paragraph essay to a teacher explaining why the book, sport, item, or activity is your favorite.

1 According to Webster's Dictionary, traditions are defined as specific customs or
2 practices of long-standing; one of my family's traditions is going to Ocean Shores every
3 spring break, and sometimes at the end of summer. It's a vacation we always look
4 forward to ever year, so I would have to say that my favorite activity is going to Ocean
5 Shores. The beach is one of the few places I can run around, be creative and have fun.

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7 Each time we go, we stay at Best Western Lighthouse Inn. It is very nice there
8 and makes going to the beach even more fun! There is an actual lighthouse at the top that
9 you can climb up to and no matter which way you turn, you can see beach. You can walk
10 to the beach by going down a soggy, muddy road, or you can go the back way. The back
11 way is kind of scary. We have to push our way through about 3 foot long seagrass, trying
12 not to step on frogs, and you can't see which way you are going because of all of the fog.
13 It is pretty fun though because it is like an adventure!

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15 Once you get to the beach, there is *always* horse rides to your right and *always*
16 never ending beach to your left. People who drive down can park wherever they feel is
17 comfortable for them. Though, I advise you that you don't park near the water. There can
18 be a change of sea level very quickly. And make sure not to park too close to a flock of
19 seagulls. Especially if you have bread.

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21 My favorite thing to do there is go very early in the morning, like at 6 or 7
22 o'clock, and go down to the water to pick up sand dollars. If you go too late, then the
23 seagulls might beat you to all of the shells. Another thing I like to do there is make sand
24 castles with my brother and sister while my dad sets up the kite. Our kite is very fancy.

25 It's one of those kites that have two handles that you can make do loopdy loops and dips.
26 Our kite is so fancy that it even has its own special name. The Seeker. I love flying it!

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28 I also love the beachy smell of salt water and sand. The cold wind hitting my face.
29 Seagulls honking away at each other. Helpless little crabs scuttling across the bumpy
30 sand. The feeling that nobody can bother you no matter how hard they try. The beach is
31 the most calming place I know.

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33 My family and I have so many memories from our trips to Ocean Shores every
34 spring. Long standing traditions, like this, can affect a family through generations, and I
35 plan on continuing the Ocean Shores tradition with my future family. Our tradition is so
36 important that I don't think anybody or anything can break it. If it ever broke, I would be
37 heartbroken!