

Student Sample # **1011DB**
Grade 10 Baseline Expository

Grade 10 Prompt:

In two years, you will graduate from high school. How would you like to be remembered by your classmates? Write a multiple-paragraph letter to a teacher explaining how you would like to be remembered.

1 Dear Reader,

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3 I can't tell you what I want my peers to remember me by, because I honestly
4 don't care. However, in an attempt to stay to the prompt, I'll fake it. I suppose that I
5 want them to have seen me the way I see myself: I'm loud; I dress like a bird of paradise;
6 I tend to march to the beat of my own mixed-metaphor drum. If they remember me in
7 these ways, great – if not, I'll not worry myself about it.

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9 Anyone who has ever had a class with me knows how loud I am. I maintain that
10 it's because I'm enthusiastic, but I'm sure that it's due more to the fact that I'm
11 something of a temperamental drama queen. Tomato, tohmato. I talk both loudly and all
12 the time. Classmates have told me that they can hear me down the hall and teachers
13 always know when I'm gossiping at a whisper, even in the back of the class. I'm sure
14 that my max-volume and frequent talking is going to keep my classmates' ears ringing
15 for years.

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17 I'm colorful, to say the least. Between my love for glitter and my obsession with
18 tie-dye, my peers will be haunted by rainbows for the rest of their lives. My clothes are a
19 cacophony of colors, from solid black to gaudy floral prints. A giant rainbow hoodie is
20 my "signature" piece; I wear it for seven months out of the year. On top of the eyesore
21 clothes is ever-changing hair, a ton of glitter, and the occasional pair of green contacts.
22 My peers will always remember how I stole their attention with clashing colors and
23 sparkles.

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25 More than anything, people know me for being offbeat at times, and a blatant
26 contradiction at others. I wear a Hello Kitty backpack, but my notebooks are covered in
27 superheros. I skip school to go see Picasso at the Seattle Art Museum, then talk at length
28 about changing my car's oil. Most of the kids here think I'm a freak, but that's okay.
29 Having so many interests in so many things allows me to connect to more kids my age.
30 People will never forget how through having such a variety of interests, I was able to
31 stand out.

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33 As I stated in the beginning, I don't give a rip about what my classmates think
34 about me. It would, however, be nice if they knew that I'm not the way I am for
35 attention. Maybe I don't know how to not be so loud. Maybe I dress like a parrot so I
36 don't feel invisible in a crowd. And maybe I learn about and try so many things because
37 I'm still trying to figure out who I am. I think, at the end of the day, my classmates will
38 remember me, simply for being ME.