

Student Sample # **811PS**
Grade 8 Baseline Expository

Grade 8 Prompt:

Life can be full of surprises that have an effect on our lives. Identify a time when you experienced this type of surprise. Write a multiple-paragraph essay to a teacher explaining how the surprise affected your life in either a positive or negative way.

1 Two years ago, my mom and dad suprised me with a trip to California. I was
2 very suprised when I heard this great news. I was excited because I was going for a
3 baseball tournament, going to Disneyland and missing school.

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5 The first part of the surprise was going to my baseball games. It was fun because
6 we were playing in a big tournament. The fields we got to play on were replica MLB
7 fields. The best part of the tournament was when we won the whole thing. When we
8 won the tournament they gave our team trophys and t-shirts. This was a positive
9 expierience because it was very fun.

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11 Another part of the surprise was going to Disneyland. This was my first time
12 going. It was a great time with all my friends from baseball. The other reason why it
13 was a great expierience was because I got to be with my family. This was another
14 positive expierience because it brought my family closer.

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16 Finally, it was a good to miss school for a week, or I thought so at the time. I had
17 a ton of work to make up. All work from 7 different classes! Missing all my work
18 brought my grades down. It took a lot of time to bring my grades up. This ended up
19 being the only negative part of my trip.

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21 When I got suprised for my trip I was very excited. Overall, I had a very positive
22 trip, besides missing school work. Having baseball and going to Disneyland made my
23 trip great!