

Student Sample # **811SE**
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 “WHAT!” I exclaimed when I heard about our “Adventure”. I literally jumped out
2 of my chair when I was told that we had a 4 hour plane ride to another airport then then a
3 1 hour plane ride to Florida. But wait, there’s more! An 8 hour car drive to Gulf Shores,
4 Alabama. I was so surprised.

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6 I didn’t know if this was a good or bad though I guess it is an adventure, but too
7 much of one. That’s 13 hours of travel time, plus a motel in Florida for a night. It was
8 fun though. Trying to find a plane in 1 hour was impossibly, excruciating, mindblowing,
9 intense task. I was surprised when we got there without fainting.

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11 That was one of the greatest surprises ever, next to the beautiful beach. All in all,
12 it was fun.

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14 THE END