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Below-average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: Expository Writing (Unit 5, pages 246–249)

Assignment: For a travelers' guidebook, write a one-page article about the development and construction of a landmark in your neighborhood, city, or state.

Our Library

The Harold Washington Library was built in 1987. People in Chicago decided to make a new library because the old one was too old. There was a contest and everybody got to vote on the library they like the best. These other ones or the one that was by some architects named Hammond Beeby and Babka. They won. It was really cool, it has big giant green animals on the top and these huge windows. It kind of looks old-fashioned. But there's modern things too like those big green animals on top. One of them is an owl. I like owls and that made me think the new library was cool right away when I saw it.

The library is named after Harold Washington, he was the mayor of Chicago for a little while until he died. People really like him. He is called the people's mayor. He was only mayor from 1983 to 1987 and then he had a heart attack so they decided to name the new library for him. It's the biggest city library there is.

Presents topic but contains vague language and grammatical errors

Paragraph lacks a clearly stated main idea and sufficient facts; includes irrelevant statements.

Tense changes and order of ideas are confusing.

Summary: *This article focuses on a landmark in the writer's city, but the writing is very poorly organized and lacks a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Also, the article seems haphazardly researched and contains irrelevant opinions. Stronger research efforts and attention to the mechanics of grammar and spelling would improve the article. The piece also could be improved by more clearly introducing the article's main idea, by following a consistent and logical organizational strategy, and by adding more facts and other specific details to develop the main idea throughout the article.*

This piece might receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 60 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—21 points for Focus/Organization, 20 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 19 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.