

Name Class Date

Below-average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: Persuasive Writing (Unit 6, pages 298–301)

Assignment: For a magazine called *Our Future*, write a one-page article, letter, or short story to persuade people to behave today in ways that will improve the future.

Bikes

I like to ride my red bike. Its brand new and had ten speeds on it. Its a lot of fun. I want to have a car too someday but for now I love my new bike. I can ride around with my friends pretty much any time I want to. My parents have bikes too.

Bikeriding is good for you. You can ride thru the park and sometimes I ride to school. Which is good becus then nobody has to drive me, which is good so then there's less trafik and pollucion in the air. My parents always say that.

When people ride bikes to work theres less cars on the road so its not noisy or dirty. Big cities are very dirty. A lot of cars means theres too much pollucion in the air. Like the ozone layer which is being ruined. I would like it if I could live in a little town instead of the city so that I could ride my bike more. I think everybody would be happier that way. Who wants to stay inside and ride in the car with all that trafik? Its boring to have to just ride in the car to do errands. Not like being outside in the warm air. There should be more parks in the world where people can ride there bikes. Also, the parks can be for animals to live and not worry about being run over by a car.

I think that in general there are too many cars around. Sometimes I can barely even ride my bike because of this. One way to get rid of this is for everybody to ride there bikes.

Summary: *This article attempts to present an argument about bike riding versus cars as a method of transportation, but the writing is unfocused and includes far too many spelling and grammatical errors. If the author had made an outline to help structure the logic of the argument and used more relevant evidence to support the argument, the article would be much more effective. Also, the writing could be improved by using more specific language and by eliminating irrelevant opinions and details.*

This piece might receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 65 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—22 points for Focus/Organization, 23 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 20 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.

Opening does not present a position or introduce an argument.

Spelling and grammatical errors make ideas hard to follow.

Presents unrelated ideas; ideas lack sound reasoning and sufficient detail

Conclusion states an opinion but uses vague language and does not complete an overall argument.