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GRADE 8 PERSUASIVE PROMPT ANCHOR SET

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INTRODUCTION

Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the name of Florida’s statewide writing assessment changed to FCAT 2.0 Writing because of two primary changes to the assessment: (1) higher scoring expectations were implemented in 2012, and (2) students received more time to respond to the writing prompt than in previous years (an increase of 15 minutes for responding to the writing prompt was implemented in 2013).

The FCAT 2.0 Writing assessment is administered each spring to students in grades 4, 8, and 10. Prior to scoring, Florida educators who serve on the Writing Rangefinder Committees read student responses and select papers to represent the range of quality allowed within the established criteria for each score point on the rubric. These papers are used to train the readers for the holistic scoring of the FCAT 2.0 Writing responses. Each anchor set (scoring guide) includes a student response and an annotation to explain why it was assigned a particular score. This provides the basis for developing a common understanding of the scoring criteria. A skilled scoring director and scoring supervisors are responsible for training, assisting, and monitoring scorers throughout the training and holistic scoring process. All scoring is monitored by Florida Department of Education staff.

It should be noted that the nature of holistic scoring addresses the writing elements of focus, organization, support, and conventions as an interrelated body of evidence. These elements are not scored separately or analytically. More information about the holistic scoring method and links to the FCAT 2.0 Writing rubrics are available at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/rubrcpag.asp>.

Structure of Anchor Sets

The released 2013 FCAT 2.0 Writing Anchor Sets for grades 4, 8, and 10 contain examples of responses used as training materials for the 2013 writing assessment. Personal information has been removed or fictionalized to protect the identity of the writer. For spring 2013, only one type of prompt per grade was administered for FCAT 2.0 Writing; thus, for each tested grade, one Anchor Set was used.

Description of Prompt for Grade 8: Writing to Persuade (Persuasive)

Writing Situation:

Suppose you could convince a famous person to visit your town.

Directions for Writing:

Think about why this person should visit your town.

Now write to convince this person to visit your town.

Please note: “Suntown” has been inserted in all responses to replace the name of the town.

Because Anchor paper A-12 included sensitive content, it has been removed. The response included in the released Anchor Set is a substitution that provides an example of another score point 4 response.

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Score Point 1

this person should visit because of wether it Nice and Hot.
 Theirs Great Food, you can go to the Beach,
 their's Football. you can go to the MOVES.
 You can go Fishing, You can do lots of
 things like SKY Diving, playing golf, playing Baskit
 Ball, Base Ball, Soccer, going to the fair, you
 can go to the park

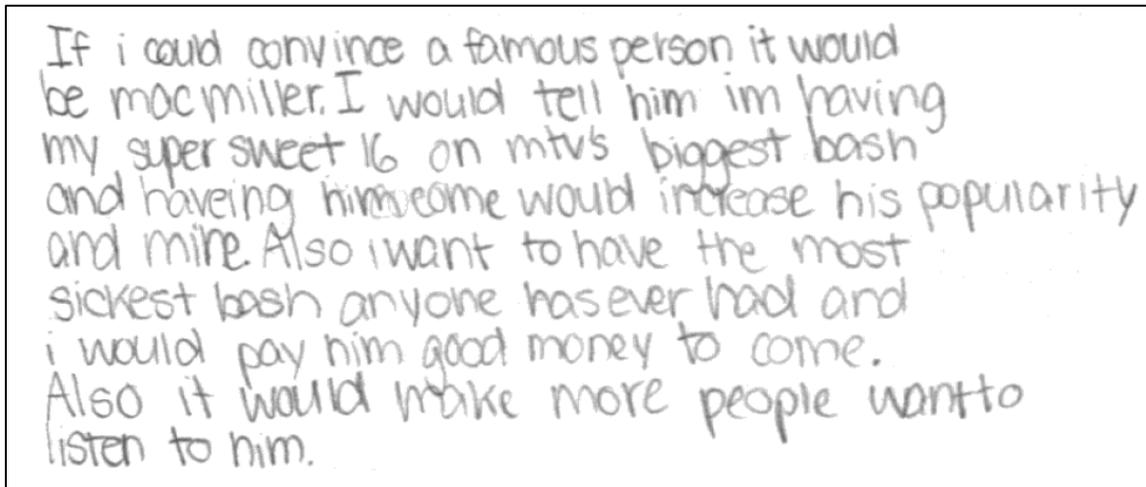
Anchor Paper 1

Score Point 1

- The writing minimally addresses the topic of why someone should visit the town (*this person should visit because of wether it Nice and Hot*). However, the brief response demonstrates little understanding of focus.
- List-like details reveal a lack of organization. The writing lacks transitions, and no conclusion has been attempted.
- Support consists of a bare list of unrelated activities that the town offers (*you can go to the Beach, their's Football. you can go to the Moves. you can go Fishing*).
- Frequent and blatant errors occur in the basic conventions of mechanics and usage. Commonly used words are misspelled (*Beach, golf, Baskit Ball*).

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Score Point 1



If i could convince a famous person it would be mac miller. I would tell him im having my super sweet 16 on mtv's biggest bash and haveing him come would increase his popularity and mine. Also i want to have the most sickest bash anyone has ever had and i would pay him good money to come. Also it would make more people want to listen to him.

Anchor Paper 2

Score Point 1

- The writing minimally addresses the topic (*If i could convince a famous person it would be mac miller*) and is too brief to demonstrate an understanding of focus.
- Sparse details make it difficult to discern an organizational pattern.
- Little development of support is apparent, as the student lists a few bare reasons why Mac Miller should come to the student's town (*I would tell him im having my super sweet 16 on mtv's biggest bash and haveing him come would increase his popularity and mine. Also i want to have the most sickest bash anyone has ever had and i would pay him good money to come*).
- The writing demonstrates little control of the basic conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

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Score Point 1

Suppose you could convince a famous person to visit your town. Hi my name is [Tyrone] and im here to talk about the famous person that im trying to convince to come to my town. I'm trying to convince Nicki Minaj to come and visit my town because Nicki Minaj could make [Suntown] a better place to live. She probaly could make [Suntown] better experience on some people who want better lives, she probaly could stop some of the people who commit crimes here in [Suntown], she could donate money to the sick, poor, and the homeless people that need it. So that why i think Nicki Minaj should visit [Suntown] florida A.K.A. [S-] Town. The end.

Anchor Paper 3
Score Point 1

- The writing minimally addresses the topic (*i'm trying to convince Nicki Minaj to come and vist*). There is an attempt to list the ways in which Nicki Minaj can help [Suntown], but these ideas do not contribute to the purpose of convincing Nicki Minaj to visit the town.
- The writing includes a weak introduction and conclusion. Otherwise, there is little evidence of an organizational pattern, as the response is presented in a rambling, stream-of-consciousness fashion.
- Little development of support is apparent, and ideas are only loosely related (*She probaly could stop some of the people who commit crimes here in [Suntown]. She could donate money to the sick, poor, and the homeless people that need it*). Word choice is limited and repetitive (*could make [Suntown] a better place, probaly could make [Suntown] better experience, probaly could stop*).
- Frequent and blatant errors occur in the basic conventions of usage (*add [and], to [town]*) and spelling (*vist, probaly*). Random capitalization occurs throughout the paper.

Dear John Cooper.

I personally love your band, I wish you could come here to [Suntown], Florida. We would love to hear your band playing in our town. [Suntown] is a nice small town, it's really safe in here. You guys should come here and visit us. We are friendly people that are fans of your band. [Suntown] is also a nice place to rest after a hard day. Due to its serenity, natural environment, nice people, and hospitability. We help each other, who are there for them. You can also come down here and enjoy the wildness of our woods, it can be a relaxing place. It is really nice and quiet, almost everyone knows each other. You should come to [Suntown], we are open to receive you guys. I hope you guys could come and visit us in this small town, we will be waiting for you guys. I also hope to hear from you again sometime.

Sincerely

[Ricardo]

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Score Point 2

- The writing focuses on the benefits of visiting [Suntown]. The letter format demonstrates an awareness of the persuasive purpose (*Dear John Cooper, I personally love your band, I wish you could come here to [Suntown], Florida. We would love to hear your band playing in our town*).
- An organizational pattern has been attempted, but few connections occur between ideas; a rearrangement of sentences would scarcely affect meaning (*[Suntown] is a nice small town, its really safe in here. You guys should come here and visit us. We are friendly people that are fans of your band*).
- An attempt has been made to extend a few details (*[Suntown] is also a nice place to rest after a hard day. Due to its serenity, natural enviroment, nice people, and hospitality. We help each other, who are there for them*). Word choice is limited and repetitive (*nice small town, nice place, nice people, It is really nice*).
- An overreliance on simple sentence structure produces a stilted reading experience (*It is really nice and quiet, almost everyone knows each other. You should come to [Suntown], we are open to recive you guys*). Some errors occur in basic conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

Oh my gosh Zack Galafinacas should come to my town because everyone knows who he is, he's really funny, and it would be cool to see one of the greatest actors there is.

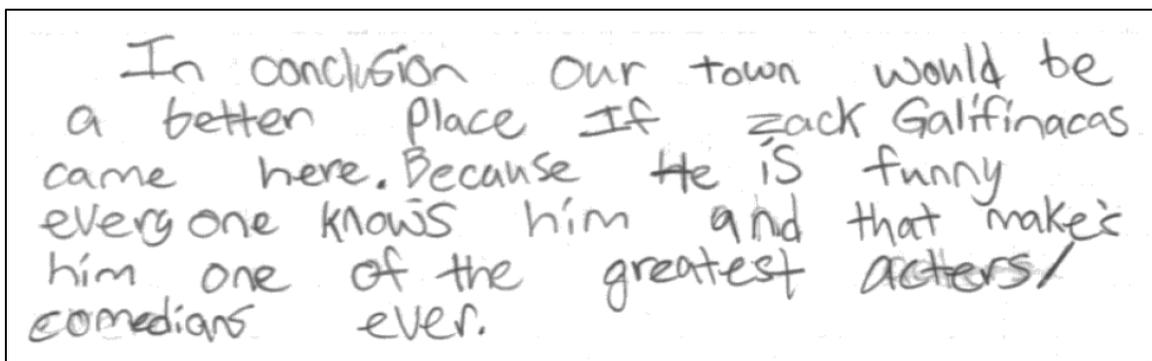
The first awesome reason that Zack Galifanacas should come to my town is because everyone knows who he is. Everyone in my town also know everything about zack. Like what movies he's played in.

The second awesome reason Zack Galifinacas should come to my town is because he's really funny. Zack Galifinacas is also a comedian and would make us laugh. One movie he was in made four million the first week.

The final reason Zack Galifinacas should come to our town is because he is one of the greatest actors/comedian actors/comedians there are. It would be a great experience for all of his fans if they could see him.

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Score Point 2



In conclusion our town would be a better place if zack Galafinacas came here. Because he is funny everyone knows him and that make's him one of the greatest actors comedians ever.

Anchor Paper 5

Score Point 2

- The response is generally focused on the topic (*Oh my gosh Zack Galafinacas should come to my town*). An absence of persuasion, however, reveals a limited awareness of the writing purpose.
- An introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion form a rudimentary organizational pattern. Formulaic transitions link the major sections of the text (*The first awesome reason, The second awesome reason, The final reason*).
- An attempt is made to develop support, but vague and repetitive statements fail to clarify the topic (*everyone knows who he is. Everyone in my town also know everything about Zack. Like what movies he's played in*).
- Errors in basic conventions occur, including misspellings of commonly used words (*kows, actors, awesome*).

Where you come from is the place that defines you. With the help of maybe a celebrity icon on one of your favorite TV shows. Well what if you could combine the two and have your favorite famous person visit your town. My town is Down to earth, small, and fun. The name of my town is [Suntown.]

To begin with, [Suntown] is very down to earth. It's better to live in a town like this rather than one full of a bunch of rich stuck-up snobs. If anything I would think more famous people would come to a town like this just to get away from it all.

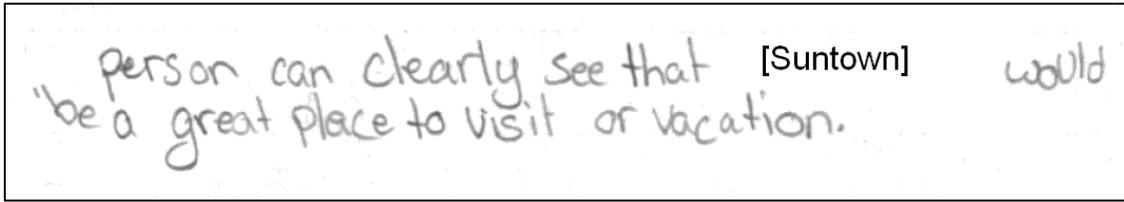
Next, [Suntown] is small. In a small town everybody knows everybody and their business. Which isn't necessarily a good thing it's all in the way you really look at it.

Lastly, [Suntown] is full of fun. I'd rather stay in [Suntown] than go to an amusement park any day. In [Suntown] you can go horse back riding, mudding, and all sorts of stuff.

In conclusion any celebrity icon or famous

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Score Point 2



person can clearly see that [Suntown] would
"be a great place to visit or vacation."

Anchor Paper 6

Score Point 2

- The writing is related to the topic, but discussion of negative aspects of the town weakens the persuasion (*In a small town everybody knows everybody and their buisness. Which isn't necessarily a good thing it's all in the way you really look at it*).
- An organizational pattern is attempted through an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Rudimentary transitions begin each topic sentence (*To begin with, [Suntown] is very down to earth; Next, [Suntown] is small; Lastly, [Suntown] if full of fun*). Tenuous connections between sentences detract from internal organization (*It's better to live in a town like this rather than one full of a bunch of rich stuck-up snobs. If anything I would think more famous people would come to a town like this just to get away from it all*).
- Brief extensions provide slight clarification of ideas (*[Suntown] if full of fun. I'd rather stay in [Suntown] than go to an amusement park any day. In [Suntown] you can go horse back riding, mudding, and all sorts of stuff*). Word choice is limited and vague (*a bunch, good thing, all sorts of stuff*).
- Some errors in sentence structure occur, including fragments (*With the help of maybe a celebrity icon on one of your favorite t.v. shows, Which isn't necessarily a good thing*).

Hello, Channing Tatum! My name is [Elizabeth] ! I live in [Suntown] Florida! I really want you to come to my town because your teeth are beautiful; you have an amazing acting talent, and I love you. Let me start by saying your teeth are beautiful. They glisten in the sunlight. They are whiter than snow. They are also perfectly straight. They glow like a white glow stick. You really, really have an amazing smile.

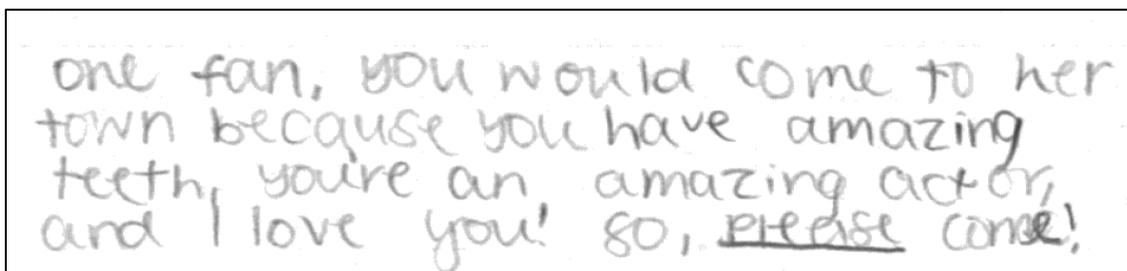
Next, you have an amazing acting talent! There are so many movies you have been in, my favorite is 'Dear John'. In your movies, you have real emotion. You know how to make the right facial expressions, you make it sound realistic in your voice. You're truly the best actor ever.

And lastly, I love you! You are beautiful! You're so nice! You're an amazing person inside and out. When you help others with charity and volunteer work, it lets me know you care!

Speaking of caring, if you really cared about your number

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Score Point 3



one fan, you would come to her town because you have amazing teeth, you're an amazing actor, and I love you! so, please come!

Anchor Paper 7

Score Point 3

- A direct appeal to the intended audience helps establish a focus and advance the persuasive purpose (*Hello, Channing Tatum! My name is [Elizabeth]! I live in [Suntown], Florida! I really want you to come to my town*).
- An organizational pattern is apparent through an introduction and three body paragraphs. The progression of ideas within paragraphs is minimal, however. A brief conclusion reinforces the persuasive purpose (*Speaking of caring, if you really cared about your number one fan, you would come to her town*).
- Overall, development of support is erratic. An idea is extended in the second body paragraph (*Next, you have an amazing acting talent! There are so many movies you have been in, my favorite is 'Dear John'. . . You know how to make the right facial expressions. You make it sound realistic in your voice*). In the first body paragraph, however, details are simply repetitive (*They glisten in the sunlight, They are whiter than snow, They glow like a white glow stick*).
- Simple sentences are primarily used (*You are beautiful! You're so nice! You're an amazing person inside and out*). The paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

One famous person I would convince to come to my town is [Johnny Dale]. I would convince [Johnny Dale] because he grew up here with his family, He has many loving and caring friends, there are a lot of things for him to do here.

To begin with [Johnny Dale] grew up with his family here. He would probably love to see his family because he misses them. He might also want to see the house he grew up in. My friend's brother actually grew up with him so I'm pretty sure he wants to see his friends again. There might be places he wants to visit that he used to love to go when he was younger.

Next, he has a huge amount of loving fans. I'm one of them, I know a lot of people that love [Johnny's] songs and music. I think he would be supported by all his fans if he came to my town. He wouldn't only make a few little girls happy but he would make a lot of people happy even boys sorry to say it.

Finally, he would love to visit some of the places in [Suntown]. I can tell by his music because his songs are about parting and hanging out. What better place to do that than [Suntown]? [Sun Beach] is full of clubs. Also the places from his childhood, he might love to

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Score Point 3

Relive those memories.
 To sum it all up he might like to come to his home town, or show his fans how much more he loves them back, or maybe like the places or sites we have to offer. He'll never know unless he comes to see him self.

Anchor Paper 8

Score Point 3

- The writing presents a position in the opening (*One famous person I would convince to come to my town is [Johnny Dale]*). Subsequent paragraphs are generally focused on why [Johnny Dale] would want to visit.
- An organizational pattern has been attempted with an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Each paragraph begins with a rudimentary transition but is strengthened by a clear topic sentence (*To begin with [Johnny Dale] grew up with his family here; Next, he has a huge amount of loving fans; Finally, he would love to visit some of the places in [Suntown]*). Transitional phrases occur within paragraphs (*He might also, I'm one of them, I can tell by, What better place to do that*).
- The writing includes some support, but details are often general (*Next, he has a huge amount of loving fans. I'm one of them, I know alot of people that love [Johnny's] songs and music. I think he would be supported by all his fans if he came to my town*).
- The writing features some sentence variety. However, a few awkward constructions appear (*He wouldn't only make a few little girls happy but he would make alot of people happy even boy sorry to say it*). In spite of a few errors, knowledge of the conventions of mechanics and usage is usually demonstrated, and commonly used words are usually spelled correctly.

Wouldn't it be amazing if the best singer alive could come visit [Suntown]? I know you're wondering who this is so I'm just going to tell you, it is Justin Bieber! Yes, you're probably freaking out right now, I would be too. Me and my friends have been thinking of reasons why he should come visit us at [Suntown] and there are some of our reasons. Justin Bieber should come visit [Suntown] because Christmas is almost here, and he would make hundreds of girls dreams come true, including me.

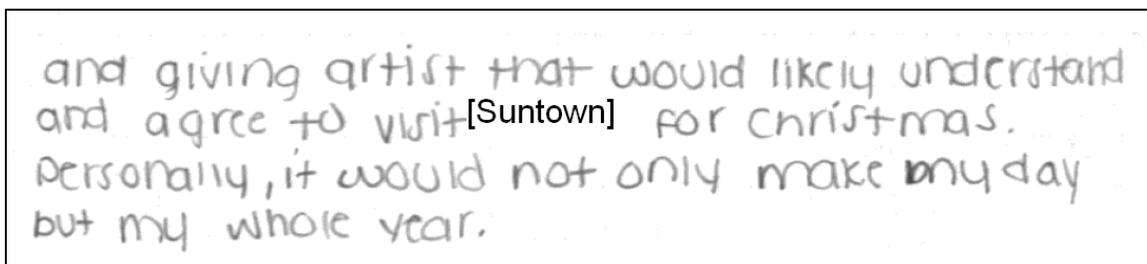
To get this all started, Justin Bieber should come to [Suntown] because Christmas almost here! Christmas is already my favorite holiday, but it would only make it more amazing if he made us a visit. Just imagine him singing his song "Mistletoe" on Christmas eve getting the crowd into the Christmas spirit singing and dancing along. It will be a day I'd never forget.

Continuing, the most important reason Justin Bieber should come visit [Suntown] is because of his adoring fans. According to National News broadcasts, Justin Bieber has the most dedicated (mostly female) fan population in the whole country and throughout United States artists history. If he gave a concert here, at [Suntown], it would make hundreds of fans dreams come true.

To wrap it all up, Justin Bieber is a young

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Score Point 3



and giving artist that would likely understand and agree to visit [Suntown] for Christmas. Personally, it would not only make my day but my whole year.

Anchor Paper 9

Score Point 3

- The response focuses on why Justin Beiber [sic] should visit [Suntown].
- The response follows a clear organizational pattern. Transitions between and within paragraphs clarify the relationships between the sentences (*To get this all started, Continuing, According to National News broadcasts, If he gave a concert here*).
- A specific example in the first body paragraph illustrates the student's argument (*Christmas is already my favorite holiday, but it would only make it more amazing if he made us a visit. Just imagine him singing his song "Mistletoe" on Christmas eve getting the crowd into the Christmas Spirit singing and dancing along*). Supporting details in the next paragraph are less effective (*Justin Beiber has the most dedicated (mostly female) fan population in the whole country and throughout United States artists history*). Overall, word choice is adequate but occasionally predictable (*freaking out, hundreds of girls, amazing, dreams come true*).
- The response contains some sentence variety (*it is Justin Beiber! Yes, you're probably freaking out right now, I would be too. Me and my friends have been thinking of reasons why he should come visit us at [Suntown] and these are some of our reasons*). Knowledge of the conventions of mechanics and usage is usually demonstrated, and commonly used words are usually spelled correctly.

My town is [Suntown], Florida. The capital of horses. There are so many amazing things you can do here. I understand you are a famous person, but you must come visit [Suntown]. There are a lot of awesome things that you could make memories of.

[Suntown] is the horse capital of the world. Everywhere you look there is a horse ranch. Some ranches even let you ride their horses for a good price. So, you can go on a ride through a forest with the comfort of being carried by an amazing animal. Going horse back riding is the one thing in life that can't be missed out on. It is an experience that will be remembered forever. It's all possible in [Suntown].

The view of horses are beautiful, but the view of the houses will make you dream about them for a while after visiting [Suntown]. Not only are the horse farms wonderful, the houses in the suburbs are a site to see as well. [Suntown] houses are the type of buildings that will make you stay longer. Maybe even more. In [Suntown] there are neighborhoods just for the type of person you are. Athletes, doctors, or just stay at home parents that likes a small neighborhood. It's all in [Suntown], Florida.

The best time to visit is over

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Score Point 4

holidays. Even before Christmas there are lights hanging and a huge tree in downtown [Suntown]. It may not snow in [Suntown] but this town will make you say "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Holidays in [Suntown] are the most exciting events I have ever seen. Parades and parties, both a great addition to make a perfect holiday celebration.

[Suntown] is many things. Boring is not one of them. If you don't have family in [Suntown], bring family members with you so they can see the wonders of this town. If you like visiting, you will love coming to [Suntown]. So, come relax and have fun. After all, it is Florida.

Anchor Paper 10

Score Point 4

- The writing introduces a clear claim (*I understand you are a famous person, but you must come visit [Suntown]. There are a lot of awesome things that you could make memories of*), and each paragraph describes an "awesome thing" about [Suntown].
- A brief introduction and three body paragraphs build to a satisfying conclusion that conveys a sense of completeness (*So, come relax and have fun. After all, it is Florida*).
- Each body paragraph is developed with adequate depth of support (*[Suntown] is the horse capital of the world. Everywhere you look there is a horse ranch. Some ranches even let you ride their horses for a good price. So, you can go on a ride through a forest with the comfort of being carried by an amazing animal*).
- Varied sentence structures contribute to this response (*Not only are the horse farms wonderful, the houses in the suburbs are a site to see as well. [Suntown] houses are the type of buildings that will make you stay longer. Maybe even move*). The paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

[Suntown] is a great town with many things to do. If I could have a famous person visit my town it would be Tim Tebow. I would convince him to come for three main reasons, one the great fishing, two excellent sights, and finally the awesome beaches.

The first reason I would convince him would be with the Great Fishing, both fresh and salt water. While fishing in fresh you could spend the day catching bass or Bream. In salt water though you can catch much more. You could fish from a dock and catch mangrove snapper or you could go off shore for some real fun. Off shore you can catch Gag Grouper or even a shark. This is the first reason why Tim Tebow should come to [Suntown.]

Another reason why Tim Tebow should come to our town of [Suntown] is for the excellent sights. You could see a mangrove marsh, salt water reef and a sandy white beach all in one day. The best sights though, are those of the reefs. There are many reefs, small and large, off of [Suntown.] The fish and coral are the best out there and they are giant. Sometimes the reefs are just rock, but sometimes they are ship wrecks. This is just the second reason why Tim Tebow

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Score Point 4

Should come to [Suntown.]

The third, and final, reason why Tim Tebow should come to [Suntown] is for the sandy white beaches. [Suntown] in fact is made mostly of one long beach with lots of hotels and homes on the intercostal. Many people from up north come to the beaches every year during the winter. All year long you can get sun or go for a swim because the water doesn't get as cold. Also there is plenty of sun year round at our beaches. This means there is sun in the sun all year round. This is the final reason why Tim Tebow should come to [Suntown.]

In conclusion if I were to pick a famous person to come to [Suntown] it would be Tim Tebow. I would get him to come with these three reasons, great fishing, excellent sights, and our awesome beaches. These are just a few of the many reasons why someone maybe even Tim Tebow would want to come to [Suntown.]

Anchor Paper 11
Score Point 4

- The response focuses on three reasons why Tim Tebow should visit [Suntown] (*one the great fishing, two excellent sights, and finally the awesome beaches*). Although the final reason (*beaches*) is closely related to the previous one (*sights*), development within paragraphs clarifies the distinction between the two.
- A basic introduction lays out a conventional organizational pattern that is followed in the body paragraphs. Internal transitional devices promote cohesion among sentences (*While fishing in fresh, In salt water though, The best sights though, Sometimes*).
- Specific details and precise word choice enhance the reader's understanding of the topic (*Gag Grouper, mangrove marsh, salt water reef, sandy white beach*). Overall, development of support is adequate.
- Some variation in sentence structures is evident. Although the response contains a few errors, the paper generally demonstrates control of the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

When my family comes to visit, they always say they want to move to this town, and it's not because family is here. You, a very famous person, should visit our town, because the people here are polite, the food is excellent, and the environment is wonderful. I think you are missing out on a great experience if you pass this opportunity to visit our village.

To begin with, our town has very fun people living here. They are friendly; they help out tourists that are lost and always say good morning. They are enjoyable company and they have great customer service in their shops. People watching is fun in our little town, since the people here are interesting. There was this one time when my family was visiting from Europe and they couldn't find their way to our house, and one of our family friends was at the gas station, and he gave them directions to our house.

In addition, the food here is amazing. The food here has a natural and fresh taste. When people cook here they use organic fruits and vegetables and they add mixed spices. Since the food is organic it is very healthy. One of the best tasting foods, is our famous veggieburger. It has natural grown vegetables and hand-bake, whole wheat bread. When I first tasted it, I felt like my mouth exploded. It's a perfect blend of spices and vegetables. Of course, my preference is adding ketchup, but they also have options.

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Score Point 4

of adding different *sauces* and even *jalapenos*.
Last but certainly not least, the environment is wonderful. There is so much sight seeing you can do here, even though it is a small town. There are art museums and monuments. There are fairs you can visit, the one in October called October Fest, has many fun rides and games, and of course, delicious food. Also, our town is 10 minutes from the beaches, where you can go for walks along the sand and swims in the oceans. Plus, there are tours you can take to go swim with the manatees. Once, I went to the beach and the sun was setting over the horizon, it was just beautiful.

In conclusion, you should visit our town because of its people, food, and environment. Our town is loved by many people and we are proud to say that tourists come and go and then come back. You should visit my town.

Anchor Paper 12

Score Point 4

- The response focuses on the benefits of a famous person's visit to the writer's town, and this focus is generally maintained throughout the paper.
- The introduction includes a preview of the great experiences the town has to offer (*the people are polite, the food is excellent, and the environment is wonderful*), each of which is addressed in the subsequent body paragraphs. The use of functional transitional devices between and within paragraphs strengthens the connections between ideas.
- Relevant details are used to adequately develop the support for each part of the experience, and word choice is sometimes specific (*organic, natural grown vegetables, swim with the manatees, sun was setting over the horizon*).
- Sentence structure is varied, and although some errors in spelling occur, the paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, capitalization, and punctuation.

I believe that Taylor Swift should visit my town. She can teach everyone valuable lessons and inspire many children. It would be an honor to have Taylor Swift come to my hometown.

First of all, Taylor Swift would encourage my town to be more charitable. Taylor is always helping out in the best way she can. One time I heard that she visited a children's hospital and met all of the sick kids. When they saw her their faces lit up like lights on a Christmas tree. She made her way around the whole hospital, giving gifts, hugs, and lots of love. If Taylor came to where I live she would show everyone that charity work is for the better. Another day, I saw on TV that she went to her role model's house. She traveled all the way to his house to thank him for the work he has done for his community and to give him a special award that only a few kids around the globe have gotten. Taylor spent the whole day learning about him and why he decided to help out. If that doesn't show a person that would do anything to put a smile on someone's face I don't know what will. If Taylor Swift comes to my town, I have a feeling there will be a rise in the amount of kids helping out.

— In addition, Taylor Swift would inspire kids like me to follow their dreams. Taylor teaches kids and teens that anything is possible if you believe in yourself and your abilities. One way she shows this is by how she became famous. Taylor didn't get into the music business with the snap of a finger; she had to try really hard to get producers to like her. She was rejected more than once, but she never gave up because she believed in herself and she knew she was talented no matter what anybody else said. If Taylor wouldn't have kept pushing towards her dream, then I don't know where her life would've headed. That in itself would teach kids in my town that you should stop at nothing to reach your dreams, but she has also explained this in her abundance of songs. Taylor has written songs with meaningful lyrics time and time again. In these lyrics she can tell you to never give up on love, say it's not over, and keep on truckin'. Her songs have taught me many life lessons and I'm sure that plenty of other kids out there feel the same way. Taylor Swift would undoubtedly exert confidence that my population will succeed.

— To conclude, Taylor Swift should come to my town because she will be an overall role model to everyone. If you may be so kind as to let her, everybody will be so grateful for the opportunity.

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- The writing takes the position that Taylor Swift’s arrival would create positive change in the town (*She can teach everyone valuable lessons and inspire many children. It would be an honor to have Taylor Swift come to my hometown*). Each paragraph focuses on a different aspect of Swift’s influence.
- Each body paragraph is organized around a single idea, using topic sentences to introduce subjects (*First of all, Taylor Swift would encourage my town to be more charitable; In addition, Taylor Swift would inspire kids like me to follow their dreams*).
- Each idea is developed with ample depth of support. Relevant anecdotal support illustrates the persuasive argument (*One time I heard that she visited a children’s hospital and met all of the sick kids. When they saw her their faces lit up like lights on a Christmas tree. She made her way around the whole hospital, giving gifts, hugs, and lots of love. If Taylor came to where I live she would show everyone that charity work is for the better*). An instance of inappropriate word choice interrupts the flow of the writing (*Taylor Swift would undoubtedly exert confidence that my population will succeed*). This minor lapse does not significantly weaken the overall quality of the piece, however.
- The paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

Are you sick and tired of the bustling people, noisy traffic, and the crowdedness of a large city? Just because you're famous, doesn't mean you have to live somewhere like that... Give [Suntown] a try!

If you want the beach, you don't have to go all the way out to the Bahamas! There's Paradise right here on the east coast. The sand is white and powdery, the sea is a shimmering, glassy blue. Not to mention the warm smiling sun beating down all day. Now doesn't that sound like paradise? The greatest part of all is the lack of people who visit here. It's every unknown town to most Florida travelers. So you can come here to get away from the paparazzi. Our town would have a memory of you! Famous you staying here in paradise!

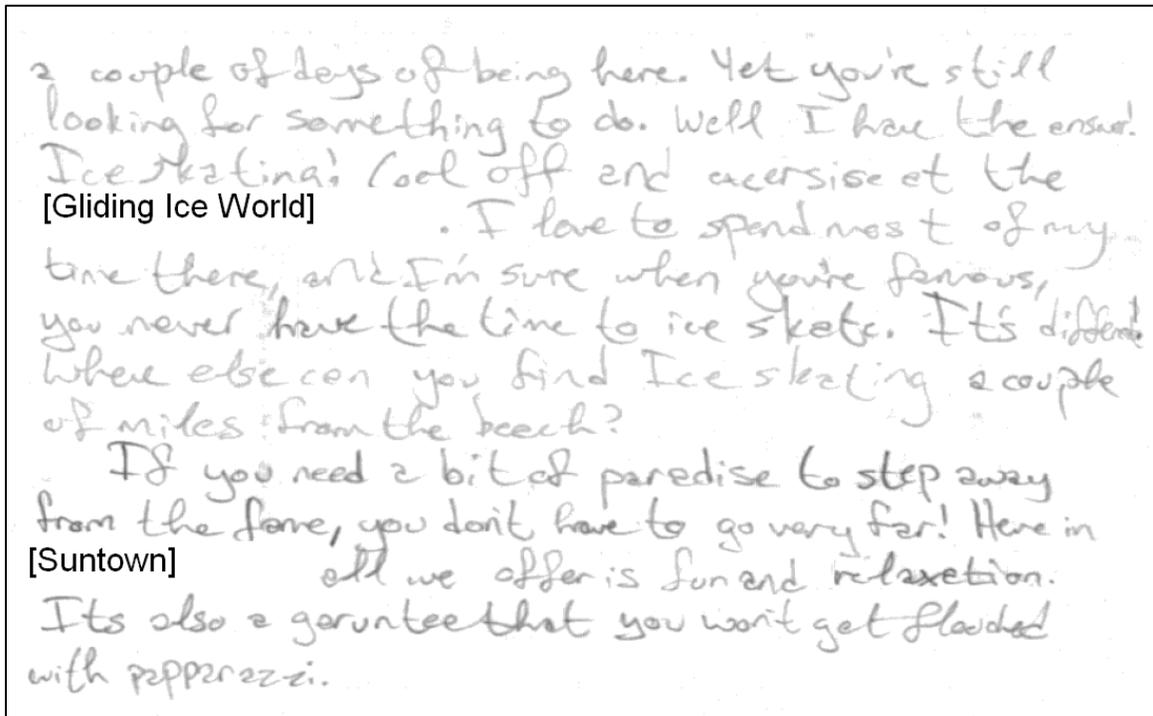
After a long relaxing day at the beach, we locals have many places to choose from to eat! There are many delicious choices of family-owned businesses. To me, restaurants like that seem better than the chain restaurants you can eat at anywhere else. Some of my favorite places is [Don's Diner], serving hot coffee and warm pancakes. A nice place for dinner is [Buona Italia], the real Italian! One of the best places overall is the [Happy Sailor].

Since you might come here for the beach, you might as well eat the best dish in town. The best part is everything cooked is caught right off the coast, and boy is it delicious!

Now say the beach gets too hot for you after

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- Awareness of audience serves the persuasive purpose and contributes to a strong focus (*Are you sick and tired of the bustling people, noisy traffic, and the crowdedness of a large city? Just because you're famous, doesn't mean you have to live somewhere like that . . . Give [Suntown] a try!*).
- The organizational plan consists of an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Skillful transitions provide for a progression of ideas (*If you want the beach, Not to mention, After a long relaxing day at the beach, To me, One of the best places, Now say the beach gets too hot for you*).
- The response features consistently developed and appropriate examples. Mature and precise word choice amply supports claims throughout the response (*powdery, glassy blue, hot coffee and warm pancakes*).
- Varied sentence structures lend fluency to the writing (*A nice place for dinner is [Buona Italia], the real italian! One of the best places overall is the [Happy Sailor]. Since you might come here for the beach, you might as well eat the best fish in town. The best part is everything cooked is caught right of the coast, and boy is it delicious!*). The paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

The sights, the sounds, the feel of it all is overwhelming here in [Suntown] Florida. You can spend the day admiring the astounding scenery and spend the night out partying at places like the beach or [Town Square Plaza]. Here in [Suntown], the red carpet is rolled out to everyone 24/7. Any celebrity would love to visit [Suntown.] We have the breath taking scenery and [Suntown] has some of the best attractions and hot spots in not just Florida, but the whole United States.

For starters the beautiful scenery is spectacular day or night. [Suntown] is home to some of the nicest communities as well as some of the fanciest gardens. When you arrive to [Suntown] you are immediately bombarded by towering sky scrapers and huge sporting centers. To see all the huge buildings and have the sun sparkle off the entire glass structures is absolutely amazing. If you leave downtown though you can go see even better sights.

[Suntown] has top notch scenery with amazing plant and wildlife everywhere you look. The Japanese may be known for their gardens, but here in the U.S. [Suntown] is the king of them all. Besides the gardens, [Suntown] has amazing beaches, so at the end of the day you can head over to the beach and enjoy a spectacular sunset while listening to the surf roll in and out. I could fall asleep to this sound. With all this it's no wonder why other famous people such as Tiger Woods lives here. Any celebrity would find themselves right at home.

Most importantly though [Suntown] is home to some of the world's greatest attractions as well as some of Florida's best

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lot spots. [Suntown] has places like [Theme Park] and [Theme Park.] We have spectacular beaches and wonderful night life. Here in [Suntown] is where Florida comes to life. You can go to [Theme Park] by day and spend a night at the beach. The beaches here are as close to California beaches as you can get. With white sand that seeps through your fingers, [Suntown] has it all. It is the land of opportunity.

Undoubtedly, [Suntown] is the best place for any celebrity to visit. From the gorgeous scenery to the fantastic sights and attractions, [Suntown] has it all. There is no place I would rather be, and I know you would enjoy it too. So come on down and see what you can do here in [Suntown,] Florida, the land unlike any other.

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- A precise claim establishes a focus (*Here in [Suntown], the red carpet is rolled out to everyone 24/7. Any celebrity would love to visit [Suntown].*). The remainder of the response highlights the positive qualities of [Suntown].
- The organizational pattern provides for a progression of ideas. Varied and appropriate transitions reinforce the connections between ideas (*For starters, When you arrive, If you leave, Besides the gardens, With all this, Most importantly*).
- The first body paragraph contains a thorough description of [Suntown's] scenery. Depth of support diminishes slightly in the subsequent paragraph, however (*[Suntown] has places like [Theme Park] and [Theme Park]. We have spectacular beaches and wonderful night life. Here in [Suntown] is where Florida comes to life. You can go to [Theme Park] by day and spend a night at the beach. The beaches here are as close to California beaches as you can get*). Overall, development of support is ample.
- Varied sentence structures create a compositional facility and rhythm to the piece (*Besides the gardens, [Suntown] has amazing beaches, so at the end of the day you can head over to the beach and enjoy a spectacular sunset while listening to the surf roll in and out. I could fall asleep to this sound*). The paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

"This Land is your Land, this Land is my Land..." begins the chorus of "America the Beautiful", a well-known song about our nation's unrivaled natural beauty. Not many other countries have the scorching deserts, massive volcanoes, vast, rolling plains, snow-capped mountains, humid marshes, and several other terrain types that make this nation the envy of the world. In few places is this more evident than South Florida. We Floridians take pride in our natural diversity and wish to share it with the world. I believe any American tourist should visit my town of [Suntown], Florida for its natural beauty, tourist attractions, and rich culture.

Ask any Floridian to name a place that best symbolizes their state, and nine out of 10 will say "Everglades National Park". One of the best-known parks in the country, it has a reputation for natural splendor and great culture. Tourists can take an airboat ride that is as informative as it is enjoyable, introducing newcomers to the region's iconic plants and animals, as well as its Native American history. Out of all the animals in the park, none gets more attention than the American alligator. This iconic animal is used as a mascot for organizations across the state, such as schools, sports teams, and environmental protection groups.

Perhaps what Florida is best known for both nationally and worldwide is its tourist attractions. Our beaches, [Sun] Beach in particular, are widely regarded as the best in the Americas and even the world. For the young and thrill-seeking [Suntown], Florida is the go-to vacation spot for several reckless college students who want a well-deserved break from their studies. For the older crowd, south Florida offers many casinos and golf clubs. It is no wonder that our state has the highest percentage of elderly citizens.

In addition, the land surrounding my hometown is rich in culture with numerous Indian reservations, Cuban coffee shops, and Chinese restaurants. The history of our state's natives is filled with hardship and suffering, but they persevere through their hard work and ingenuity. Their reservations are famous for amusement park rides, alligator wrestling, and barbecues.

Conclusively, anyone who wishes to visit the part of our country I call home should not hesitate. Our natural beauty, diverse cultures, and countless tourist attractions make [Suntown] Florida a must-see for any dedicated tourists.

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- The response establishes a focus by contextualizing the discussion of [Suntown] (*Not many other countries have the scorching deserts, massive volcanoes, vast, rolling plains, snow-capped mountains, humid marshes, and several other terrain types that make this nation the envy of the world. In few places is this more evident than south Florida. We Floridians take pride in our natural diversity and wish to share it with the world. I believe any American tourist should visit my town of [Suntown]*).
- The organizational pattern provides for a progression of ideas through an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a brief but effective conclusion. Varied and subtle transitions clarify relationships between ideas (*One of the best-known parks in the country, This iconic animal, Perhaps what Florida is best known for, For the young and thrill-seeking*).
- Support is substantial and illustrative. Relevant and well-chosen details bolster the persuasive argument (*One of the best-known parks in the country, it has a reputation for natural splendor and great culture. Tourists can take an airboat ride that is as informative as it is enjoyable, introducing newcomers to the regions iconic plants and animals, as well as its Native American history. Out of all the animals in the park, none gets more attention than the American alligator*). An economy of language is achieved through precise word choice.
- Skillfully varied sentence structures facilitate an effortless reading experience. Few convention errors occur in mechanics, usage, and punctuation.

The radio blares with static as I change the station from 100.7 or 100 to 97.9. The static slowly fades away and a man's voice replaces it. The music has a strong point of guitar and harmonizing the singer's voice. I can't help but scream out the lyrics of my favorite song known as Iris by Johnny Rzeznik and the Goo Goo Dolls. Ever since I was a child I've always loved him and his music he is my favorite musician, and I believe he should come to my town of [Suntown] because of the undiscovered talent here, to spread some new music to today's youth, and our small town feel can be inspiring for the lyric writing process.

Here in [Suntown] just like anywhere else there is a needle hidden in a haystack. These needles can be extremely hard to find but are well worth it in the end. Just look at Justin Bieber and Usher for example, Bieber lived a normal teenage life with musical talent that was discovered by Usher and now almost every girl is obsessed with him. If John Rzeznik were to come to my town and give someone like my friend [Riley] who's voice has a 90's era feel then he could be the one to help support and refine her talent.

Today's youth has been infected with the virus of listening to repetitive music, with no lyrical meaning, and either take, auto-tuned, or terrible singing. Not all of today's new style is bad like Adele with her powerful voice and The Ready Set that may Auto-

tune the lead singers voice but has more hidden meaning than one of Lady Gaga's songs. Music is an Art, it includes instruments and poetry something John Rzeznik from the Goo Goo Dolls hasn't forgotten. His songs at first seem to be about love but when you actually listen you'll find that they are deeper than that.

In my opinion there isn't any way to reverse the infection of my and future generations. But there is a way to slow it and that is to have someone like John Rzeznik who is a true Artist to come to my town.

Finally I believe that [Suntown's] Small town feel would be inspiring for John Rzeznik. He has spent much of his time at concerts surrounded by paparazzi and to get away from it all would bring his next musical hits. With my towns spread out neighborhood farms, schools, and people something would pierce John Rzeznik's Heart and inspire him to write more beautiful music.

The Radio still blaring loud but my tone-deaf voice drowning it out singing "and I don't want the world to see me cause I don't think they'd understand." I can't help but think of the poetic Mastermind of the Goo Goo Dolls lead singer Johnny Rzeznik. Him visiting my hometown would inspire him and others to write and listen to beautiful Poetic music. While giving people chances to make it big because of their talent rather than the ability to buy an auto-tuner and be repetitive. If Johnny Rzeznik were to take time away from his busy schedule he would not regret it my town is full of talent and inspiration.

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- An engaging opening establishes a focus (*The radio blares with static as I change the station from 100.7 or y100 to 97.9. The static slowly fades away and a mans voice replaces it*). The response returns to this strategy in the conclusion (*The Radio still blaring loud but my tone-deaf voice drowning it out singing*).
- The paper conveys a sense of completeness, and the organizational pattern provides for a logical progression of ideas. Effective transitions guide the reader through the response (*Ever since I was a child, His songs, In my opinion*).
- Support is substantial, and specific details enhance the response (*Adele with her powerful voice and The Ready Set that may Autotune the lead singers voice but has more hidden meaning then one of Lady GaGa's songs*).
- In spite of a few errors, the paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.

With its majestic soft, sandy beaches and its vast amount of sunshine, a person shall be known as a fool if he/she does not visit the lovely town of [Suntown]. From the crisp, clear and sparkling water of [Suntown] bay. To the magical sounds heard from the performance hall, [Suntown Stage] [Suntown] has something to offer for everyone! For a celebrity such as yourself, is there a reason why not to visit [Suntown!]

We start here on [Suntown] Beach where the squishy and soft sand wiggles between your toes with every step. The smell of the sea roars in over the waves and fills your nose with enchantment as you watch the magentas, blues, yellows and reds collide in the sky to create the most immaculate sunset you have ever seen. This beach is one of the most relaxing in Florida. Here at the beach people come from all around to forget their normal lives for a moment and simultaneously take in Nature at its finest. What a better way to take a break from signing autographs or being chased by the media to capture pictures of you. As long as you are in [Suntown] Florida, your heart will stop spinning and you can find tranquility at the waves and sand and relax. Visit [Suntown!]

This may sound exquisite to sunbathe on a beach all day, but it may not be the only thing to draw you into [Suntown]. If you want to experience the finer life of being a celebrity then [Suntown] is just for you! At [Suntown] there are many places

where someone can sit down and experience a play, ballet, symphony or even a documentary. [Suntown] is home to the [Suntown Stage], an enormous building where plays, ballets and concerts are commonplace. At the [Suntown Stage] you can experience anything from a ballet on the author Anne Frank or you can listen to the harmonious beats of the Band [Bigtime Blues Busters]. Anything that has to do with theatre can be accomplished at the [Suntown Stage] located in [Suntown]. Not only is there fine arts of the musical kind there are also other types of art festivals. One being [Suntown's] annual Sandcastle building contest. Here you can witness sculptors build extraordinary castles that are intriguing to all ages. While you are in [Suntown] you can also see [Suntown's] annual chalk festival. This is where you will see exceptional works of art all made out of chalk. It is an extraordinary sight! Come to [Suntown] and marvel at the beautiful!

How tempting can this be? Can such a place really exist where you can take part in all sorts of terrific activities. You can accomplish everything your heart can desire and more at [Suntown] Florida! Come visit today!

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- A descriptive opening establishes a clear focus (*With its majestic soft, sandy beaches and its vast amount of sunshine, a person shall be known as a fool if he/she does not visit the lovely town of [Suntown]. From the crisp, clear and sparkling water of [Suntown] bay. To the magical sounds heard from the performance hall, [Suntown Stage], [Suntown] has something to offer for everyone!*). The response adopts the tone of a travel brochure, further strengthening the focus.
- The organizational plan includes an introduction and two body paragraphs, each of which supports a separate component of the argument. The conclusion is appropriate to the persuasive task and contributes to a sense of completeness (*How tempting can this be? Can such a place really exist where you can take part in all sorts of terrific activities. You can accomplish everything your heart can desire and more at [Suntown] Florida! Come visit today!*).
- Support is fully developed, with substantial evidence and a thorough discussion of each example. Mature word choice and expressive phrasing enhance the reader's understanding of the topic (*crisp, clear and sparkling; squishy and soft sand wiggles between your toes; the magentas, blues, yellows and reds collide in the sky*).
- Sentence structure is varied, and though a few convention errors occur, the paper generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, and spelling.