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## Below-average Writing Model

**Writing Process in Action: Narrative Writing** (Unit 4, pages 168–171)

**Assignment:** Write a one-page story about how a piece of clothing affected your life.

### The Red Boots

My favorite clothing is my cowboy boots, if they count as clothes. My granpa had given them to me for my birthday. I wore them almost every day to school. My boots got me to know everyone.

What happened was my new teacher called me up to her desk. I walked across the room. My shoes were so loud! Everyone looked up from there books! I was so embarased! At home that never happened. Lots of kids wore boots there. My granpa wore them everyday and lots of people did. I never thought about it.

The teacher said to be quiet. I have all kinds of other shoes at home that I could have wore. I still wear my boots. There my faverite agin. People in New Jersey think its all cowboys in Texas or they think its all desert. I tell them things about Texas. That's where I moved from. Sometimes I wear my gym shoes.

*Introduces the idea that should be the narrative's focus*

*Excessive use of exclamation marks*

*Dialogue is incorrectly punctuated.*

*Lacks a clear ending and doesn't suggest the significance of the incident*

**Summary:** *The narrative begins with a clear focus, but a lack of transitions, the inclusion of irrelevant information, and errors in spelling, usage, and punctuation interfere with the meaning. The piece could be improved by the use of transitions and by more detailed explanation of the events and the emotions they inspired in the writer.*

*The piece might receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 68 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—26 points for Focus/Organization, 24 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 18 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.*