

Name Class Date

Average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: Persuasive Writing (Unit 6, pages 238–241)

Assignment: Write a one-page article that will persuade readers to make or support some change that will protect the environment.

The Law to Pick Up Litter

Michigan is a good example. Illinois has way too much litter. At my house we have litter all over our front yard. I saw a man drop a can on the sidewalk even though the trash can was just nearby. Why would someone do that? The message I'm saying is don't litter! Michigan don't have litter like we do. Illinois should be more like Michigan and make laws about taking bottle and cans back to the store instead of littering them.

On vacation we put all the cans in a bag and take them to the store. They give us money at the store. It's part of the money we paid when we bought the cans. This is called recycling. Chicago don't have this kind of recycling. My friends just throw cans away. First we threw them away in Michigan. Someone had to tell us to take them back to the store. Its the law there. That's why theres hardly any litter there. Everyone wants the money, so everyone takes the cans back to the store. It's good to get money like that. Why don't we recycle like that here too? I think Chicago should.

You can do this everywhere. But it has to be a law. People need to make this a law. Write your mayor and to the government. Even the president. They should know about this and do something. Don't you have litter? Yes! Do you like it? No! The yards are so much prettier without it. Plus it's bad for animals and the earth.

Summary: *The piece expresses enthusiasm about the topic, but the opening sentence and many other statements are vague. The writing also contains many grammatical errors. The piece could be improved if more specific details were added to every paragraph.*

This piece might receive a 2 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 78 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—32 for Focus/Organization, 26 for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 20 for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.

Opens by presenting the problem and the action to be taken, but opening sentence is unclear

Presents personal experience as evidence but lacks specific details

Closes by asking people to take an action, but the specifics remain vague