

Nebraska Department of Education

2010 Statewide Writing Assessment

Grade 4 Task: NARRATIVE WRITING

Summer is a time when you can do things you may not be able to do at other times of the year.

Think about something you did during the summer that you remember well. It could be something you did with a friend, with your family, or by yourself. What happened?

Write a story about this summertime memory. Use details so that anyone who reads your story will know what happened.

ADVANCED*

- * Creates a clear understanding of the events of the story; storyline is easy to follow
 - * Structural development includes an effective beginning, middle, and end; pacing is well-controlled
 - * Conveys a strong sense of the person; individualistic and expressive
 - * Effectively uses vivid words and phrases
 - * Sentences vary in length or structure throughout
 - * Conventions generally correct
- * This writing sample received a score of 8.00, the highest score possible on the assessment.

Swoosh

Have you ever been down a gigantic water slide? I have. It was a scary hot summer day that I will never forget.

It all started at island Oasis with my friend Jamie. We were going to try out the towering blue water slide. So we started walking toward it. As we walked up the stairs my legs and feet were trembling with fear. I was as scared as a mouse being chased by a lawn mower. We were half way up to the mammoth sized water slide.

Then finally my worst fear ever happened, we were at the top. "Holy cow," I gasped. We were up at least 100 feet! I glanced over at Jamie. She had a massive smile on her face, unlike me. Then we were next I slowly stepped into the slide. After that the life guard shoved me. I was squealing like a pig. SWOOSH! The water was roaring. I was so intimidated. Then the most wondrous thing happened, it was over.

So that was the time that I got freaked out on a hot enjoyable summer day. I felt so relieved. I hope that I will never forget that fun filled day.