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English 8

Novel Paragraph

Task: Your task is to write one paragraph (5-7 sentences) answering the following question: If someone were to write a novel about your life, what would it be titled and why?

Your paragraph should have an introductory sentence, followed by (at least) three sentences that explain the reasons why the novel title fits with your life, followed by a concluding statement that wraps up your paragraph.

You will need to print your paragraph along with a picture that somehow depicts your novel title. Your paragraph should be free from errors. Feel free to play with font and colors. Paragraphs will be hung on the wall. For an example, see the following page.

You will present your novel title and reasons to the class. (You will not just read your paragraph word for word.)

You will be graded on:

_____ / 5 Paragraph sentences follow guidelines above

_____ / 5 Paragraph contains no errors in grammar or conventions

_____ / 5 Editing and revising (paragraph draft)

_____ / 10 Presentation (not just reading paragraph, eye contact, loud enough, etc)

_____ / 25 TOTAL

Novel Title: Just Do It

If someone were to write a novel about my life, it would be titled “Just Do It” because this is my life motto for myself and others, I do a variety of activities, and I always have projects in process. I live by the Nike motto, “Just Do It”, because I believe so many problems of the world could be solved if people were just motivated enough to “Just Do It”, whatever their “It” may be. I “do” a lot of different activities and hobbies and in my free time, people can find me with a camera in hand, playing a musical instrument, doing any number of crafts, or spending time outside in the kayak or gardening. Many of my activities and hobbies are in a constant unfinished state and I need to keep reminding myself to “Just Do It” and finish those projects. “Just Do It” is a perfect title to a novel about my life because it encompasses my feelings toward other people and myself, my variety of activities and hobbies, and reminds myself to continue being a productive person by completing all my unfinished business.

