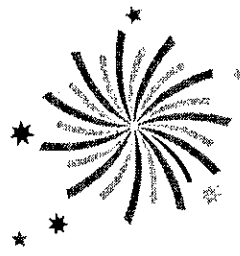
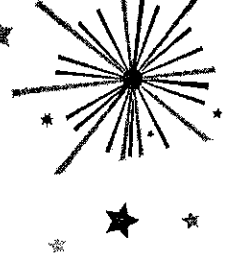


WRITING SAMPLE

 **The Fourth of July** 

This summer, I spent the Fourth of July with my family at Gibson Park. We got to celebrate with my grandpa, who lives far away and came to visit.

When we got to the park, I helped my mom and dad find a place to sit. We picked an open spot so that we could watch the fireworks and the other people. My brother and I spread out our big blanket and set up the folding lawn chairs for our parents and grandpa.

I helped my grandpa barbeque hamburgers on a small grill. My job was to watch the time so the hamburgers didn't burn. When they were almost done, I also got to put cheese on top of them to make them cheeseburgers.

After dinner, I got to see the fireworks. The variety of colors was bright against the dark night sky. Grandpa said they reminded him of shooting stars, and the patterns reminded me of sprinkles on a birthday cake.

I had fun on the Fourth of July. It is my favorite holiday, and I was glad to be able to spend it with my grandpa this year.

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER SAMPLE

Name: Pat Johnson

Introduction

What? Where? With whom?

Fourth of July, Gibson Park, family

Body

1 What happened?

find place
to sit

Supporting detail:

open spot to see fireworks

Supporting detail:

blanket, lawn chairs

2 What happened?

barbecue
hamburgers

Supporting detail:

watch time (don't burn)

Supporting detail:

put cheese on

3 What happened?

saw fireworks

Supporting detail:

bright colors in sky

Supporting detail:

grandpa: shooting stars
me: sprinkles

Conclusion

Feeling or solution:

fun, favorite holiday, spent time with grandpa

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Name: _____

Introduction

What? Where? With whom?

Body

1 What happened?

Supporting detail:

Supporting detail:

2 What happened?

Supporting detail:

Supporting detail:

3 What happened?

Supporting detail:

Supporting detail:

Conclusion

Feeling or solution:

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