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**Fifth Grade**

**“The Gymnast”**

**Challenges**

**Directions:**

* **Gary Soto wrote an autobiography called *A Summer Life*. Within that book is a short story called “The Gymnast.” *“*The Gymnast*”* tells a story about a boy who strives to succeed in becoming the person he wants to be. Describe the challenges that Gary faces in the story and how he responds. Would you say that Gary is a person you could admire? Use descriptive sophisticated words to describe Gary’s characteristics as you answer the above questions in an essay.**
* **In your essay, be sure to:**
* **Describe the challenges that Gary faces in the story and how he responds. Give at least four well-developed examples from the text to support your claim.**
* **Describe Gary’s character traits and write about whether or not Gary would be a person you would admire. Give at least four details from the text to express your ideas.**
* **Write at least five paragraphs on at least two full sheets of paper.**
* **Organize your writing in a logical way.**
* **Check your writing for:** 
  + **spelling**
  + **capitalization of proper nouns**
  + **capitalization of the beginning of sentences**
  + **punctuation**
  + **indentation of each new paragraph**
  + **sophisticated word choice**
  + **See the rubric for more details of expectations.**