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**Fifth Grade**

***“*The Gymnast*”***

**Changes in Character**

**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. How does Gary change from the beginning of the story to the end? Use descriptive sophisticated words to describe Gary’s characteristics as you answer the above question in an essay.**
* **In your essay, be sure to:**
* **Describe the ways that Gary’s characteristics change from the beginning of the story to the end.**
* **Add at least six examples from the text that support your description of Gary’s characteristics.**
* **Use at least ten sophisticated words to improve your writing.**

* **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.**