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## Writing Detective: Reply to Article in The Change Agent

November 8, 2015

Dear Carmen,

I just read your article, "Father's Day" in the Change Agent and it really caught my attention. I would like to share with you some things I noticed about it. I would also like to share some of my own experiences.

You mentioned that you lost your father when you were only a year old, but you celebrate his memory. Everyone told you he took good care of you. You really miss your dad, though. You had some hard situations in your life because he wasn't there. For example, relationships with men were hard.

You celebrate your father by the work you do. You take care of people, and in this way, you honor your father. It seems that 'father's day' is every day in your life!

I also feel a special connection with my dad, just like you do with your dad. I was lucky to have my father for a long time. Since he died, I try to honor his memory in the work I do. I try to share my gifts and be fair, just like my dad did. Even though our situations with our fathers are different, we both like to honor our fathers in their work.

I really like how you have turned your loss of your father and your sadness into something positive. You look at your work as a chance to honor his memory. Your article showed me that we can take something hard in our life and make something good from it. I felt hopeful after reading your letter. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Gale

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Look at the writing sample by Gale

How many paragraphs are there? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

What the **first** paragraph tell you \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is Gale writing a letter to Carmen? \_\_\_\_\_

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The **second** and **third** paragraphs tell you about :

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How does Carmen celebrate her father? \_\_\_\_\_

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The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ paragraphs give a **summary** of Carmen's article.

How are Carmen's and Gale's experiences the same? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is a special detail Gale liked about Carmen's article? \_\_\_\_\_

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What has Gale learned from Carmen's article? \_\_\_\_\_

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The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ paragraphs are Gale's **response** to Carmen's article.