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 ELA 4th Grade
 Writing Prompt #5
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For your homework assignment, write about your family and some special memories you've had with them. Length: Five paragraphs minimum, 5-7 sentences each. Use your five senses: see, hear, touch, taste, and smell. Pay attention to spelling and grammar.

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My Granddaddy takes care of me. Aint gotta Daddy. Granddaddy says he run off with a hor. I dunno know what a hor is. My Momma she real nice but she gone. Once Granddaddy slapped her when they fight bout feedin me right. I liked her chick dinos. I aint sposed to talk bout her.

Granddaddy likes licrish. He makes his own in the shed out back the house. I aint loud inside. Says it's outta bounds like in freeze tag. One time he go to town to sell licrish. I snuck in. Inside wuv a table. An buckits with what look like molassus. The licrish wuz inside a fridge. I tried one. It wuz chewy an tasted yucky an sticky an lumpy. It stand my fingers red an black. Like when I cut my hands at recess.

One memory I have wuz this. I buy Granddaddy licrish from the store with my lowance. He threw it away. Make me eat his licrish till I threw up. I aint buyin licrish from the store agin. Now Granddaddy gives me licrish for breakfast an dinner. Says Ill git a taste for it soon. I luv him an he aint hit me.

Granddaddy an I watch TV together. Granddaddy has a flag I seen on the newz. Red with a blue X and stars hangin from the shed. Granddaddy says the South will rise agin. He make no sense. How can a direcshun git up? Sumtimes Granddaddy lets me sip his beer. It make me dizzy an I fall asleep.

Last week I member hearin a shout an wake up. Theres a light from the shed. I go outside an peek threw a hole in the wall. Granddaddy wuz tyin sumthin up. Looked like a man but I dunno. I aint got my glasses. I start shivrin an run back inside. I hide under the covers.

Next mornin we wuz watchin newz at breakfast. Granddaddy pulls a fresh peece of licrish outta his pocket. He give me sum an eat the rest. It taste better this time with salt. Kinda like jerky. Newz lady says theres a cereal killer nearby. Granddaddy flips to cartoons. Says we have to move soon. But I like it here with my frends an skool. An Granddaddy skares me.

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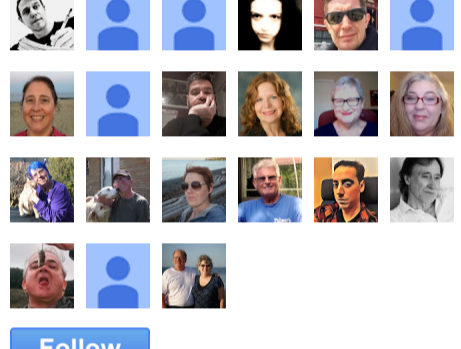


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