

Entrance Writing Sample  
New Seton High School Students

The following will help Seton gauge your student's overall ability to express thoughts in writing. There is no grade given, and you will not be contacted unless the writing suggests problem areas that warrant additional suggestions and assistance from us.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Write three paragraphs of at least five sentences each about a book you have read recently. Use proper punctuation, capitalization, grammar, and spelling.

*In the first paragraph*, describe the primary challenge the main character faces in the book. (If a book has several principal characters, choose only one.) Does he or she overcome the challenge or fail? How?

*In the second paragraph*, write about the main character's personality. Pick at least one of his or her character traits, name the trait, and give an example from the story where the character displays the trait. (An example should be a specific incident or scene from the story.)

*In the third paragraph*, explain a life lesson the character learns by the end of the book.

Title of the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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