**Second Grade Exemplar Essay**

**(Literature Anthology pp. 132-135)**

**Prompt: The Siberian Husky and fennec fox survive in very cold and hot places. How do their bodies help them survive? Use details from the passage to support your answer.**

The Siberian husky and fennec fox’s bodies help them survive in cold and hot places. The Siberian husky lives in a very cold place. First, the husky has a bushy tail that is long enough to wrap around its face. This keeps the dog warm like a blanket. Next, the husky has thick black pads and fur on the bottom of its paws. The paws help the dog stay warm like shoes keep our feet warm. The fennec fox lives in a hot place. Its body helps it survive the heat. The fox has fur that is the color of sand. The light color help keeps the fox cool in the sun. This is like when people wear white clothes in the summer to stay cool.

These are ways the Siberian husky and fennec fox use their bodies to survive in hot and cold places.

**Second Grade Weak Essay**

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A dog and a fox have bodies that help them survive. The husky has special fur. Next, its tail is very bushy. I like dogs. They are fun to have. A fennec fox is not a pet. It lives in hot places. The fox has really big ears and a bushy tail.

**Second Grade Exemplar Essay**

**(Reading/Writing Workshop pp. 151-155)**

**Prompt: Compare and contrast the eaglet and its parents. How are they similar? How are they different? Use details from the passages to support your comparison**

The bald eagle and baby eaglets are similar and different. This is how the eagle and eaglet are the same. First, both are birds that lay eggs and have to hunt to catch food. Next, the eagle and eaglet both have feathers. The baby eaglet has soft feathers that are called down. The adult eagle’s feathers are dark.

This is how an eagle and eaglet are different. First, a baby eaglet cannot survive without its parents. The eagle hunts and brings food for the baby because the eaglet cannot hunt or fly. An eagle is a good hunter that uses its claws and beak to catch food. Next, an eagle has dark feathers. The dark feathers mean the eagle is ready to fly. An eaglet has light feathers and will not be ready to fly for five months. It stays near the nest for safety while the eagle hunts.

The eagle and eaglet are alike and different. Once the baby eaglet learns to do all the things its parents can do, it will be an adult.

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**(Reading/Writing Workshop pp. 151-155)**

**Prompt: Compare and contrast the eaglet and its parents. How are they similar? How are they different? Use details from the passages to support your comparison**

An eagle and eaglet are the same and different. First, an eaglet is baby that cannot see very well. An eaglet needs its mom to bring food. Last, they both have feathers. This is how they are the same and different.

**Second Grade Exemplar Essay**

**(Reading/Writing Workshop pp. 151-155)**

**Prompt: Compare how your parents and eagle parents take care of their young.**

Both eagle parents and human parents take care of their young. First, parents take care of their babies. The eagle has to hunt for food for the eaglet because the eaglet cannot fly to hunt for its own food yet. Parents take care of babies by feeding them milk and food when they are young because a baby is helpless like an eaglet. Next, parents keep their babies safe. An eagle builds a nest high in a tree so the eaglets will be safe. The parents watch over the nest and sit on the eggs. A parent also keeps a baby safe by keeping the baby in a crib and watching over a baby so the baby won’t get hurt. Last, parents teach babies how to do things. An eaglet will become an eagle when it has learned to do all the things its parents can do. A baby will grow up to become an adult because it is taught by parents how to live. This is how eagle parents and my parents take care of their babies.

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**Prompt: Compare how eagle parents and your parents take care of their young.**

Parents take care of their babies. When I was a baby my mom fed me milk from a bottle. My parents watch me when I am swimming in the pool. Baby eaglets have moms that take care of them.