## SHOE PROJECT

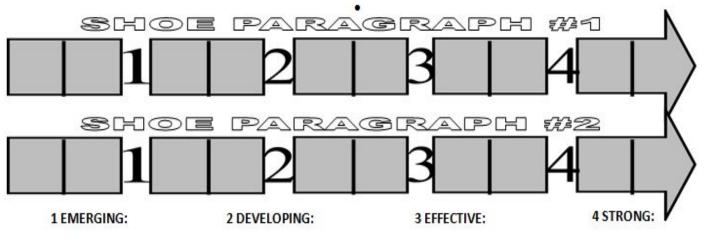
For this writing project students were asked to research a variety of <u>UNIQUE</u> shoes. From the shoes researched, students are to complete two paragraph assignments. The major focus is on IDEAS & CONTENT. Students will be evaluated on the key question and bullets listed below. Although the importance of mechanics and sentence structure were emphasized throughout this project, they are not the major focus for evaluating these writing pieces.

Topic Choices

- A detailed description of the shoe's owner, and why he/she owns it
- A paragraph in which the shoe played an important part of a particular event in history
- Why the shoe is famous? What famous person owned it?
- How you tracked down the shoe's original owner
- How the shoe saved your life
- Another creative idea of writer's choice

Key Question: Did the writer stay focused and share original and fresh information/perspective during the shoe paragraph?

- The topic is narrow and manageable
- A clear, central theme drives the writing
- · Goes beyond the obvious or predictable
- · Lots of showing (specifics) rather than telling (generalities)
  - · Quality of details counts more than quantity of lines



need for revision outweighs strengths; not much evidence of strength in the areas listed above; small hints of what the writer has in mind strengths and need for revisions are about equal; evidence of some development of a few bullets listed above; writing is about halfway home strengths outweigh weaknesses; evidence of pretty good control with the bullets listed above; small revisions are needed shows excellent control and skill in this trait; evidence of major strengths in most of the bullets listed above

## <u>SHOE #1</u>

I had finally gotten tickets to go and see Fallon Taylor barrel race on Babyflo. I was really excited when I got carried away with a crowd to the VIP lounge, I was gonna leave when somebody sat me down. I kept glancing at the starting point thinking where's Fallon? Then the announcer said it was canceled! I snuck down to the start point and went to Fallon's trailer then Babyflo jumped and started running away, I stumbled and fell to the ground and then came Fallon Taylor I jumped up and stood there glazed and confused Babyflo was tangled in her reins I went to untangle her but Fallon got her first. "Babyflo what were you doing? Let's go get ready" said Fallon "Oh hello what's your name? She asked. "I....I...Im...a Im....My names.... Morgan!" I stuttered " I'm sorry I'm just kinda nervous and shy. Oh hey Babyflo you get out there



and win the rodeo! OK III leave now! Bye!" I was about to go when Fallon yelled" Hey Morgan come back I wanna show you something!" "Oh Ok." Fallon took me to her trailer we went in and it was so beautiful I squeaked! "Here I want you to have this" It was a very beautiful horseshoe and I could tell it was washed and had Fallon Taylor signed on it. "Wow, thanks I better get going you're on in two minutes" "Oh no I better get ready! Bye." Fallon ran and she won.

## <u>SHOE #2</u>

My family and I had gone to a hotel and it wasn't the nice warm kind no this one was dark scary and horrible but it was all my family could afford for the weekend. My mom wanted to go out for the weekend and stay in a hotel but this is what we got a mean hotel that smelt like dead animals! I swear my mom is trying to kill me! Like who does that? Well at least I was able to bring my dogs CoCoa and Buddy they get to sleep with me so I thought I would be fine



during the weekend. I wonder what we could do here so I went to ask my mom. After I unpacked I walked to my parents room and knocked on the door. "Mom what can we do here?" I asked "Well there is a barn down the path go check it out." "Ok." Then I zoomed off to the doors. "CoCoa, Buddy come on!" Buddy who was a big dog ran right into me. "Buddy be careful. Let's go!" We all ran faster than lightning to a barn with rusted doors. There was a horse and a sign that said take the horse on a ride. "Ok" I got on and started walking down a path. There was a weird shoe thing on a tree I snatched it and galloped away. I figured at the hotel that it was Miley Cyrus' signature on it. I sold it to her and got lots of money and a autograph. We all went home that day and went to a much better hotel.