**Writing Openings & Closings EXAMPLE**

1. ***Expository***

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MISSING OPENING

The first thing that comes to mind that I think would make a positive influence on someone

is for me to listen when my teacher is talking. I get in trouble a lot for talking while my teacher is

talking. I know this is really not a good thing, so I can try a lot harder to be quiet and remind my

friends in my class to be quiet. This would make a positive impact on my class and my teacher.

Another thing that comes to mind is that my teacher is always telling us to be quiet in the

halls. At first I didn't see what the big deal was. Now though I understand that it is important for

me to set a good example for the little kid s. I also see that there are meetings and classes going

on in rooms all over the school, so it is important for me to be quiet so we don't disrupt them. I

can make difference in my school by always being quiet in the halls and not talking to my friends

in line.

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First, I think I could make my mom really happy if I picked up my room every day. I like to

work puzzles, and sometimes I leave a [at of puzzle mess on the floor in my room . My mom

sometimes gets mad at me for making big messes. I could make her happy by picking up my

puzzle mess without her having to ask me.

Next, I also like to do art. I sometimes forget to pick up all my art stuff off the table and it

makes it hard for my mom to set the table for dinner. If I picked up all my art stuff when I am

finished , that would be a positive thing for my mom.

Last, my little sister sometimes needs help with her homework. She has trouble reading ,

so I could help her with her homework so that my mom could focus on making dinner. It is hard

for my mom to make dinner and help with homework, so this would make a difference for her.

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Every day at lunch, I see people that leave their lunch trash at their table. Something that I could do to have a positive impact at my school would be to go and ask that person to pick up their lunch trash and throw it away. If they leave the table too quickly, I could also just go ahead and pick up their trash and throw it away for them.

Another thing that I see every day at lunch is people making a big mess with their food. I know that Ms. Maria has to come to the cafeteria every day during lunch and clean up after us. I think I should try to be really careful and not spill food on the floor or table. If I do spill or drop something, I should clean it up. I should also remind people around me to keep the table and floor clean. This would be another way to make a difference here at school.

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