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### Narrative Essay

In high school I struggled with writing and expressing myself on paper, I knew what I wanted to write but I was all over the place. When I thought I was doing it right and had a good feeling I did well, I would get my paper back with a low grade. I never asked why or where I went wrong. I just thought my teacher didn't like what I wrote. I always thought my stories were interesting because I loved writing fiction and nonfiction. However, It was to the point my teacher pulled me aside because of my low grade. My teacher recommended that I stay after class so I could get help with my writing process and how to improve my writing. She wanted to teach me that even though I wasn't a good writer, I could get better by practicing my writing skills.

When it came to reviewing my essays my teacher helped me to have a positive attitude that next time I would get a good grade. After school we would go over where I went wrong including grammar, punctuation, and writing style. With this help from my teacher and the previous papers that she graded, I could look back to see what was expected of me when writing an essay. Although she was helping me, I was close to giving up and just not caring. I kept getting the same low grades and I still could not understand why. The work of correcting was getting repetitive; I got tired of feeling incapable, like I could not write an essay or get better. I was stuck in my way of writing and did not understand how to improve.

Even though I was feeling discouraged, I decided to stay after school every day and work on it. I didn't want to keep feeling disappointed about my papers and I knew it was affecting my grade in the class. When I pushed myself to meet with my teacher, within a month I started to see progress in my essays and my grades started coming back up. My teacher saw my excitement of writing and she did not want me to lose that mindset. She boosted my confidence in my ideas and essay content, which encouraged me to keep going. When the semester finished I had high marks in English class, believing in myself that I could write an essay well as long as I put in effort.

I still get frustrated with deciding what I want to say when it comes to writing. Sometimes I feel like I am all over the place, mixing up my sentences. Often, I get carried away with my ideas and lose the flow of my story. When I read my writing I see my mistakes clearly but while I am writing, I feel like the author of a best selling book. Even though I'm getting better at writing, it is still not my strongest subject: I always find myself going back to the way I was writing before. It has been difficult for me to get better at writing but I cannot make that an excuse to not get help. My teacher helped me to learn that without asking for help I would not get any better.

It does not matter how much you struggle with something, you can always ask for help. In order for me to get better at writing I had to put in the work, which was staying after school, and getting tutoring. This lesson my teacher taught me will always stick with me. If I did not push myself I would have been in the same spot, getting low grades on papers that I thought I would pass.

I'm glad I had a helpful teacher that was willing to work with me. Even if I was not the first one to go to her for help, she would pull me aside and talk to me because she wanted me to succeed. This was a lesson for me that even if you have a positive attitude that by itself does not make you a good writer you cannot always help yourself even if you have a positive attitude. It's the matter of understanding how you are going to write it and how to communicate on paper. Asking for help made me become a better writer and learner. I would have good content but my words will be all over the place and when I read over my papers I am confused myself. Ever since I took my writing seriously and gotten the help I needed I've become better, and improved with my writing. I felt so accomplished in myself. The feeling that I felt when I got a good grade on my essay is what I want to feel all the time when receiving back my essays.