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My Big Book

About Spain

By [Name]

Spain is in Europe. Spain is located in the southwestern tip of Europe. Europe is a faraway place from here. Spain has a lot of fiestas. In some of the fiestas, they make music and make special food for fun. Spain has bull fights, and I would want to see one. I think Spain looks like an upside-down hat. In

Spain's neighbors are France, Andorra, Algeria, Portugal, and Morocco. One day when I am a research, I am going to go to Spain and write about it!
Annotation

The writer of this piece

- names the topic (in the title).
  - My Big Book About Spain

- supplies some facts about the topic.
  - Spain is located in the southwestern tip of Europe.
  - Spain has a lot of fiestas.
  - Spain has bullfights...
  - Spain’s neighbors are France, Andorra, Algeria, Portugal, and Morocco.

- provides some sense of closure.
  - One day when I am a researcher I am going to go to Spain and write about it!

- demonstrates command of some of the conventions of standard written English.
  - This piece illustrates the writer’s awareness of beginning-of-sentence capitalization and end-of-sentence punctuation as well as the use of capital letters for proper nouns.
Student Sample: Grade 1, Narrative

This narrative is a process piece that was produced in class.

Annotation

The writer of this piece

- establishes the situation with the opening sentence.
  - I went to biye (buy) a hamster . . .
- recounts two or more appropriately sequenced events.
  - I got a. Very nerves (nervous) hamster . . . then at nite (night) when my. Dad came home
- includes some detail regarding what happened.
  - I was so excited I woted (wanted) to run. All the waye (way) there . . .
- uses temporal words to signal event order (though the writer does not consistently include them).
  - then at nite (night) when my. Dad came home he sedi (said) was (what) is that. Noys (noise) . . .
- provides some sense of closure.
  - I Did't (didn't) wont (want) to ratern (return) her. Becaus she was so soft and cuddley (cuddly). She felt lik (like) a little cotton ball.
• demonstrates growing command of the conventions of standard written English.
  o There is some evidence in this piece that the writer understands various uses of capital
    letters: frequently sentences begin with a capital letter, and the pronoun I is consistently
    capitalized. (However, with the exception of the pronoun I, there are no capital letters
    in the title.) Periods end some sentences but not all and are sometimes introduced in
    unconventional places.