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EXPOSITORY**

**ANCHOR SET**



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## Introduction

Student papers are scored following administration of the FCAT Writing assessment each February. Prior to each scoring session, members of the Writing Rangefinder Committee (comprised of Florida educators) read student responses and select papers to represent the range of quality allowed within the established criteria for each score point on the rubric. The scoring contractor uses these papers to train the readers for the holistic scoring of the FCAT Writing responses. Each anchor set (scoring guide) includes a student response and an annotation to explain why it was assigned a particular score. This provides the basis for developing a common understanding of the scoring criteria. A skilled scoring director and team leaders are responsible for training, assisting, and monitoring readers throughout the training and holistic scoring process. All scoring is monitored by Florida Department of Education staff.

It should be noted that the nature of holistic scoring addresses the writing elements of focus, organization, support, and conventions as an interrelated body of evidence. These elements are not scored separately or analytically. More information about the holistic scoring method and links to the FCAT Writing rubrics are available at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/rubrcpag.asp>.

### Structure of Anchor Sets

The released 2009 FCAT Writing Anchor Sets for Grades 4, 8, and 10 contain examples of responses used as training materials for the 2009 writing assessment. Personal information has been removed or fictionalized to protect the identity of the writer. Where appropriate, papers posing potential issues for public release, such as legibility or sensitive content, have been removed. In some cases, responses from Qualifying Set 1 (examination materials required for potential scorers) are substituted to provide examples of additional training materials. **An asterisk (\*) is used in the heading to indicate that the previous anchor paper was removed or that the qualifying paper is a substitution.**

### Description of Prompt for Grade 10: Writing to Explain (Expository)

The Grade 10 expository prompt directed the student to think about and explain why he, she, or someone else saves something.

## Anchor Paper 1-A

Saving things, you can always save a lot of things and they might be really important or special to you. It could always be worth a lot of money in the future. People save all sorts of things like cars, cards, toys, cartoon magazines, bottles, and pictures. On the other hand, people usually save things because it could always be a gift for your birthday, Christmas, party's, baby showers, Thanksgiving, anything you could name. Saving things could be a lot of different things, why you're saving it for.

Saving things (stuff) could always be something important in a part of your life. There are other meanings that save could be different, because you can save food, homework, anything you can think of. Saving things is always good for something.

## **Anchor Paper 1-B**

### **Score Point: 1**

This response focuses on the topic of saving things. There is some attempt at an organizational pattern, but few transitional devices are used, and ideas do not connect. Development of the support is a mix of fragmentary lists (“cars, cards, Toys, cartoon magazines, bottles, and pictures”) and generalizations: “Saving things (stuff) could always be something important in a part of your life.” Word choice is limited and repetitive. There are some minor errors in basic conventions, but they do not interfere with communication.

**Anchor Paper 2-A**

people have A reason for saving things. They feel an urge to do what's right to help the community.

another reason is that they want things in return. Some people are greedy like that.

My second reason is that they want publicity just to make them look better.

My last reason is that they could be just generally nice people. That's how I wish everyone could be.

This is why I think people save others.

## Anchor Paper 2-B

### Score Point: 1

This response is focused on several reasons why people save things. There is an organizational pattern, and some basic transitional devices are used (“another reason,” “My second reason,” etc.), but there is little, if any, development of the supporting ideas. The support consists of several bare reasons in the form of an organized list: “My second reason is that they want publicity Just to make them look better. My last reason is that they could be Just generally nice people.” Word choice is limited, but the basic conventions of sentence structure, mechanics, usage, and punctuation are generally followed.



## Anchor Paper 3-A

If everyone could remember every single little detail in life, we wouldn't have to save things. People saving things is just another way to remind yourself of a good time, memory, or someone or something very special. At times, saving things for a long period causes clutter. In my personal opinion, I think everybody saves things to have a good memory.

If everyone remembered everything, or someone was there to videotape it, I think we would save less things. I save things like ~~stuff~~ from the beach or a souvenir from a place I visited in order to remind myself what happened or what a good time I had.

## Anchor Paper 3-B

### Score Point: 1

This response is focused on the topic, but there is little evidence of an organizational plan. Despite the use of some transitional devices, ideas are not well connected and could be rearranged without impacting meaning. There is little, if any, development of the supporting ideas, and the single example is general: “I save things like stuff from the beach or asouvenir from a place I visited in order to remind myself what happened or what a good time I had.” Though there are some errors, the conventions of sentence structure, mechanics, usage, and punctuation are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 4-A

Why do people save things? There's a lot of reasons why people save things. And here are some examples.

First, reason why I would say people save things is because they might like the item so much, which make them want to keep it. And save it till the end of time.

Second, reason why people would save things is because it gives them memories of other things. So they save that just in case they feel sad or lonely they use the item to remember certain things.

Third, reason why somebody would save something is because it might be someone special who gave it to them. Then they might not want to hurt the person's feelings so they just save it.

Those were my three main reasons why I would say people save things.

## Anchor Paper 4-B

### Score Point: 2

This response is focused on three reasons why people save things. There is an organizational pattern that includes a beginning, middle, and ending, though the introduction and conclusion are both brief. The development of the support is nonspecific and limited by vague, predictable word choice: “Second, reason why people would save things. Is because it gives them memories of other things. So they save that just in case they feel sad or lonely they use the item to remember certain things.” Some errors exist in the basic conventions of sentence structure, mechanics, usage, and punctuation, but they do not impede understanding. Commonly used words are spelled correctly.

## Anchor Paper 5-A

With most objects that have sentimental value to me, I tend to save them to remember something later on. Saving things is a normal ritual that is practiced by many people. We tend to save things to remind us of something that has meant something to us. For example, I have saved a few of my favorite toys that I use to love when I was a child. I saved them to remind myself of the fun I use to have playing with my toys. Maybe one day, I may pass them down to my children. Some people also save things so that they may pass it down to other generations. Many cultures practice the sending down of heirlooms to remind their children where they have come from. These heirlooms are saved for hundreds of generations. Many people save many things for their own different reasons, making the saving of items widely practiced around the world.

## Anchor Paper 5-B

### Score Point: 2

This response is focused on the reasons why saving things is “widely practiced around the world.” There is an organizational pattern that includes a beginning, middle, and ending, and basic transitional devices (“For example,” “also”) are used to connect ideas. Though both reasons are extended and some examples are provided, the development of the supporting ideas is largely nonspecific: “We tend to save things to remind us of something that has meant something to us. For example, I have saved a few of my favorite toys that I use to love when I was a child. I saved them to remind myself of the fun I use to have playing with my toys.” Limited and predictable word choice also contributes to the nonspecific nature of the support. There are some minor errors in basic conventions, but these do not interfere with meaning.

## Anchor Paper 6-A

I think people would save things for certain reasons. First some people want to save things because maybe someone gave them something and they passed away or something. Second people think it might be worth some money one day. Third some people think they might need it down the road.

First some people would save things because maybe the person that gave it to them passed away. If someone wanted me to have something I would take it in a heartbeat. If there was anything my family members wanted me to have I would take it.

Second people may think it is worth something one day. You could an old truck or something nice and 10 or 20 years down the road and sell it for lots of money. Then there are some people who just get old stuff just to resell it for lots of money.

Last some people think they might need it down the road. Some people would save stuff for years and never use it. Like old stuff that you never use but then there is one day that you need it but you already threw it away.

There are a couple of reasons that people would save things. First some people want to save things because maybe someone gave them something and they passed away. Second people may think it will be worth something one day. Third some people think they might need it down the road.

## Anchor Paper 6-B

### Score Point: 2

The writer focuses on “certain reasons” why people save things. An organizational pattern is demonstrated, including a beginning, middle, and ending. However, development of the support is erratic and repetitive: “First some people would save things because maybe the person that gave it to them passed a way. If someone wanted me to have something I would take it in a heartbeat. If there was anything my family members wanted me to have I would take it.” Word choice is repetitive and predictable, which also contributes to the erratic support. The basic conventions of mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally followed.



## Anchor Paper 7-A

People save things for many different reasons. It's just human nature to want to keep something. People save just about anything like cards, toys, antiques, but most of all things that are important, like family pictures. Pictures are one of the most widely saved objects in the world because they forever capture one single moment in life that in some way was significant so that moment can be re-lived for an entire life time. Another very important thing that people save is money. Money is the one most openly saved object in the United States, it is so widely saved that even children save their money. All though there are many ways and places to save your money, may it be in a piggy bank, a safe or a saving account in an actual bank. So in conclusion people

## Anchor Paper 7-B

same things so that one  
day they can be used  
to there full potencial, and  
bring the person who saved  
it the most happieness  
possible.

[Andrew Holden]

## Anchor Paper 7-C

### Score Point: 3

This response is focused on the “many different reasons” why people save things. Despite a lack of paragraphing, an organizational pattern is demonstrated through the use of transitional devices to logically connect one idea to the next: “People save just about anything Like, cards, toys, antiques, but most of all thing’s that are important. like family pictures. Pictures are one of the most widley saved objects in the world. because they forever capture one single moment in life . . .” Development of the supporting ideas is uneven but begins to provide some specific examples (pictures, piggy banks, and safes). Word choice is adequate, and there is some variety in sentence structure. Conventions are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 8-A

We have all saw the boxes in our houses grandparents houses, or even aunts and uncles houses. People otherwise called packrats, one who saves everything. I am definatly a packrat I have saved all of my school papers since I was in kindergarden.

Every test I made an A on every project I ever did. Some would ask why and I would say I save things because of memories, because some of the things I save are very special to me, and one day I would like to show my kids. When you get old all you have are memories. That's one reason I or anyone would save things. When I get about 80 I want to be able to look at my grade school papers, and old photographs from when I was young. The second reason I believe a person would save things is because when you date someone they sometimes give you gifts and if that particular gift was special enough than a person would hold on to it for a very long time just to feel something from that time in their life.

For a third reason I would save things would be to one day have kids and open up those dusty old boxes

**Anchor Paper 8-B**

and be able to say "hey look kids, look what mom did". All the "good" grades of course. To share all the memories with my kids would probably be the best thing I could ever experience. In conclusion, many people save things for many different reasons. I save things because of memories, special gifts and to one day in the future show my kids everything from way back when.

## Anchor Paper 8-C

### Score Point: 3

This response focuses on reasons why the writer saves things, specifically “grade school papers.” An organizational pattern is demonstrated, and the writer uses transitional devices to move from one idea to the next. Development of the support is uneven. The first and second reasons are predominantly general, while the introduction and final reason provide some specific information: “to one day have kids and open up those dusty old boxes and be able to say ‘hey look kids, look what mom did’ . . . To share all the memories with my kids would probably be the best thing I could ever experience.” Word choice is adequate. Some variation in sentence structure is demonstrated, and the conventions of mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 9-A

Do you know people that save things, well I do and that's my mother. She saves coupons for shopping. She saves these coupons for a number of things, she saves coupons because it saves her a lot of money when she's shopping, and she can get good deals and discounts on stuff, like food or games. She also likes to save coupons because she likes going through the sales papers on Sunday mornings and see what she can buy with the coupons she saves.

First, my mother saves coupons to save a lot of money on her shopping. She saves a lot of money, when she's buying food for the family. She also saves a lot on clothes and other family needs. If my mom buy a pair of shoes for example, without a coupon, the shoes would cost her eighty dollars or more, but with the coupon she saved she saves a whopping twenty dollars.

Secondly, on Sunday mornings she likes to go through the sales papers to see if she can find other coupons. She absolutely loves to go through these sale papers on Sunday mornings when she goes through them, she looks really hard to find good coupons that save a lot of money, like two dollars off on bread or buy one get one free sales.

## Anchor Paper 9-B

lastly, my mother likes saving coupons for those great deals and discounts. When she goes shopping for clothes she likes to use coupons to get a number of dollars off the clothes she buys. Also when she goes to the toy stores, she likes to get things only if she can use a coupon or discount on it.

In conclusion, you can see why my mother likes saving coupons. She does this every Sunday morning. It takes a lot of time, but it's worth it if you can save a lot of money.



## Anchor Paper 9-C

### Score Point: 3

This response is focused on three reasons why the writer’s mother saves coupons. An organizational pattern is demonstrated, but at times it lacks a logical progression of ideas and becomes listy. Development of the support is uneven. While there are several specific examples throughout the response (“If my mom buy a pair of shoes for example, without a coupon, the shoes would cost her eighty dollars or more, but with the coupon she saved she saves a whopping twenty dollars.”), there is also some generality and repetition: “on Sunday mornings she likes to go through the sales papers to see if she can find other coupons. She absolutly loves to go through those sale papers on Sunday mornings. When she goes through them . . .” Word choice is adequate. There is some variation in sentence structure, and the conventions of mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 10-A

Why do people save things? There could be many different answers to that question. One reason could be the person just knew it was the right thing to do. Another reason could be you love that thing and know you can't live without it. Some it's just there job.

Take a doctor for example, there job is to save people. If someone just got hurt really bad and were about to die the doctor would do everything they could to save that person. Or not even that if a person had something wrong with them the doctor would try to figure out what it is to save them before it is to late. A vet saves animals everyday, they are just like a doctor just instead of saving people they save animals.

... A firefighter is a good example for someone who saves something. They save peoples houses and peoples lives. Sometimes they even put there own life in danger trying to save someone or something else. They go into burning buildings to save people or animals. The reason they do this is because it is there job and they enjoy helping others.

Sometimes people just know its the right thing to do to save something. Say a little girl was running out into on going traffic and you saw her I'm sure you would try to save her. You would do it because you know its the right thing to do. Even if you didn't know her you would at least yell to try to get her attention to tell her to stop.

People save things for many different reasons. Maybe you save something because you feel bad for them. Its the right thing to do if you try or do save something.

## Anchor Paper 10-B

### Score Point: 4

This response is focused on saving lives. An organizational pattern is apparent, and ideas within each paragraph progress logically: “Sometimes people just know its the right thing to do to save something. Say a little girl was running out into on going traffic and you saw her I’m sure you would try to save her. You would do it because you know its the right thing to do. Even if you didn’t know her you would at least yell to try to get her attention to tell her to stop.”

Development of the support is consistent and provides a mix of general and specific information. Word choice is adequate, and some variation in sentence structure is demonstrated. Despite the presence of some errors, the basic conventions of mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 11-A

I'm a peckrat; I save everything, Books, clothes, pictures: you name it - I save it. There are a lot of people just like me who save everything they can. We do this for an abundance of reasons. Three main reasons why people save things are because of memories, money, and family.

There are times in everyone's lives that they never want to forget: their first trip to Disney World, first concert, an amazing vacation. Pictures and souvenirs help capture these memories so when you're old and grey, you can still remember every detail. When you save these items you are preserving a part of your past. No one likes to forget; saving things help trigger our happiest times.

Also, money may be a factor to why something is saved. Many people collect baseball cards because someday they might be worth money. My parents, for instance, save lottery tickets just in case they have some sort of value. Today's world revolves around money. Saving items may be a way to get more of it, without spending too much.

## Anchor Paper 11-B

Finally, people collect family heirlooms. Many times a man will give his bride-to-be his grandmother's engagement ring. Things like that are passed down from generation to generation purely on sentimental value; it could be something made of aluminum but they treat it like gold.

Why do people save things? Because those things have meaning to them. Whether it is a way to remember when they grow old, or a way to get just a few more bucks, or something to help them appreciate their heritage. Everything that is saved has a reason, big or small, that is important.

## Anchor Paper 11-C

### Score Point: 4

This response is focused on three reasons why people save things: “memories, money, and family.” The effective use of basic transitional devices helps to create a logical progression of ideas within each reason. The support is a consistently developed mix of general and specific information: “There are times in everyone’s lives that they never want to forget: their first trip to Disney World, first concert, an amazing vacation. Pictures and souvenirs help capture these memories so when you’re old and gray you can still remember every detail. When you save these items you are preserving a part of your past.” Word choice is adequate, but occasional vivid phrases (“purely on sentimental value”) help provide effective elaboration of the supporting ideas. Some variation in sentence structure is demonstrated, and conventions are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 12-A

Everyone has saved something in their lives. From candy bars to toy cars, people like to save things. Many people save their things because of sentimental value, for a collection or special events, and sometimes for their own benefit. There are many reasons why people would save something. There is really no telling of what somebody will save next.

To begin with, some people save to make money. Many save things and pass it on through generations until it is so old, it becomes very valuable. These items are now antiques. Many people have been made rich because of their "old" belongings. Also, people buy antiques and save them for even longer to make even more money. Antiques could vary from furniture, to books, and can cost from hundreds to millions of dollars.

Nevertheless, people also save money for important events in their lives. Saving money for events such as sweet sixteen parties, or college is very important for these are events that you will pass only once in your life. The most important event to save money for is retirement. This is probably the most common reason why people save their money. Also other important events are,

## Anchor Paper 12-B

getting married, or buying a new house. Saving money is probably the most important saving overall.

Lastly, people save things because they have some kind of attachment to their things. Many people collect things because they have sentimental value. These items might remind them of someone who has moved, or passed away. People also save things to make a collection. Many people have set many records and have become famous and rich because of the things they save. They use collecting as a hobby. Others save things to get rewards such as winning a contest.

Many different people save many different things for many different reasons. Some save for their advantage while others save to remember someone or because they have an emotional attachment to their things. Everyone has a reason for saving.



## Anchor Paper 12-C

### Score Point: 4

This response is focused on the topic and consistently develops three reasons why people save things. An organizational pattern is apparent, and transitional devices are used skillfully to create a logical progression of ideas, not only within each reason but also from one reason to the next. Each reason contains a mix of general and specific information: “People save things because they have some kind of attachment to their things. Many people collect things because they have sentimental value. These items might remind them of some one who has moved, or passed away. People also save things to make a collection. Many people have set many records and have become famous and rich because of the things they save,” Word choice is adequate, some variation in sentence structure is demonstrated, and conventions are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 13-A

There is no real purpose to a glass bookcase or shelf. People buy them to hold objects they don't truly need. Glass china from Korea, legendary action figures, discontinued gold coins, your grandmother's dolls. They aren't things we use everyday or even every week, they are just another pleasure that gives us something to do, something to be ours.

Many women collect expensive china just so they can show it off and use for proof that they have money. They also collect dolls so that they can give them to their children to use. Or collect dolls their grandmothers used to keep a part of their ancestors with them. It stores memories and makes room for the memories that are to come.

Now men are a different story, most of them collect action figures so that they can sell them in the future years. They believe that if they keep the toys they played with as kids then once they have their own kids the toys will be a goldmine. The same goes for baseball cards signed by their favorite player. These objects also hold some meaning, they are holders for a time when there were no troubles and no worries, proof that their childhood boy can stay with them always.

Seniors, or older men and

## Anchor Paper 13-B

Women often collect coins. They save quarters and half-dollars and gold American or Spanish coins in hopes that their worth today will double tomorrow. They buy books and cleaning supplies for the coins and display cases to show them off. Some people also save records and record players to sell for money or hold onto in hopes that they will go back in style.

So you see, people of all ages and genders save, or collect objects for money, memories, or show. They are something that we look forward to and use for our simple pleasures. There isn't a real meaning, just something to do. If you decide to be a collector, the best place to look for a special object is your attic, your childhood, or antique shops. They're just a place to store your memories and dreams.

## **Anchor Paper 13-C**

### **Score Point: 5**

This response is focused on several types of people and the things that they save. This stronger focus, along with an effective use of transitional devices, creates a sense of completeness and logical progression of ideas. The support features an ample use of specific examples and is strengthened by a mature command of language: “They save quarters and half-dollars and gold American or Spanish coins in hopes that their worth today will double tomorrow. They buy books and cleaning supplies for the coins and display cases to show them off. Some people also save records and record players to sell for money or hold onto in hopes that they will go back in style.” There is variation in sentence structure, and the response generally follows the conventions of mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling.

## Anchor Paper 14-A

Many people save things for different reasons: they might be afraid to let it go, it may be of good use in the future, or they might keep it to help remember a special time or person. These reasons are the cause of cluttered shelves and topped-up boxes in the attic.

One reason a person saves something is because they are afraid to let it go. It may have been of value to them a while ago, and they don't want to get rid of it. They may have liked it so much and received joy from it, so they keep it. My aunt once helped a lady clean out her house, because she saved so much stuff and her house was very messy. That lady showed my aunt the very first jar of baby food she fed her daughter. It meant so much to her, she was afraid to let it go. A situation like this one is very common.

The fact that someone may need it in the future is another reason why people save things. Many think that it will come in handy later, so they save it. They keep stuff just in case they might need it some other time. My sister did a report on [Santiago]

in high school and thought she may need it for reference in the future, so she saved it. About a year or two later, she had an assignment on [Santiago], and remembered that she saved that report. It came in handy, and her assignment was a lot easier to do because she didn't have to do all the work again.

## Anchor Paper 14-B

Another major reason why people save things, is because they may want to remember someone. Many people have little objects that bring the memories of someone back, and it sometimes brings happiness to those remembering. My grandmother always used to wear a scarf with her outfits. She had many different colorful scarves to match whatever she was wearing. When she died, each of her grandchildren, including me, received a scarf that once belonged to her. We all still have them, because it helps us to remember her and how she always wore scarves.

In conclusion, there are many reasons why people save things. They are afraid to let it go, they may need it in the future, or they may use it to help them remember someone. These reasons are just three of the many personal reasons why people save things.

## Anchor Paper 14-C

### Score Point: 5

This response is focused on the topic. Effective use of mostly basic transitional devices (“so,” “because,” “when”) provides for a logical progression of ideas and contributes to a sense of completeness. Though the first reason is somewhat weaker, the development of the support is ample and specific, especially in the final reason: “My grandmother always used to wear a scarf with her outfits. She had many different colorful scarves to match whatever she was wearing. When she died, each of her grandchildren, including me, received a scarf that once belonged to her. We all still have them, because it helps us to remember her and how she always wore scarves.” The response demonstrates a well-controlled, mature command of language and variation in sentence structure. The conventions of mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 15-A

People save things for many different reasons. The way I see it is, why buy something if you would not want to save it? You could save things if you believe that they will soon be valuable, to remember places you have visited or if you want to remember an event you attended.

A good reason for someone to save something is that it could be very valuable in future years. Many things, such as paintings or jewelry would be more valuable in 200 years than they are now. Whenever I try to clean out my closet, and have a pile of things to throw away, my dad always stops me to tell me how valuable they will be in many years. Items that many "pock rats" save would turn out to be antiques in future generations. A person would save something now, to help their children and grandchildren, by giving them something that would be valuable in their generation. Just think, a 2006 penny could sell for a couple of dollars in 3006. That's not a bad profit you could receive from saving a penny.

Another reason to save something, is to remember a place you have visited. You could save a cheap little souvenir you bought and in 30 years, that would bring memories back and bring a smile to your face. It is much easier to save an item that you bought than it is to save a memory in your mind from that same place. Whenever my family goes on a vacation, I am told to pick a souvenir to remember the place by. Now since I saved my miniature statue of Liberty or my Golden Gate bridge, I can remember my trip



## Anchor Paper 15-B

to California and New York.

Finally, people save things from events they have attended, events that they want to keep fresh in their mind as if it was only yesterday. Almost every woman that gets married and buys a dress, saves it only for it to sit in a box under the bed or in a closet. Most of them save the dress not for the hope of fitting into it in 20 years, but to remember that magical day. I always save wristbands of concerts and major sporting events I attend, so I can remember that I attended that and how much fun I had. I know that that ticket won't help get me into another event like that, but it will help me remember it so I can replay it in my mind. Saving parts of your past helps you remember fun times if you are having a bad day, or time of your life.

Everyone has a favorite item that they are attached to now; so, why not save it to remember that in the future. If you save things, you can remember your younger days when you are getting older, which is a good exchange for the room, that a box in your closet would take up.

## Anchor Paper 15-C

### Score Point: 5

This response is focused on the topic and discusses three reasons why people save things: because they may be valuable, to remember places you visited, and to remember events attended. The organizational pattern provides for a logical progression of ideas and uses effective, but sometimes basic, transitional devices (“Another reason,” “Now since”) to move from one idea to the next. The supporting ideas are developed through an ample use of specific details, and several examples are used in each reason: “Almost every woman that gets married and buys a dress, saves it only for it to sit in a box under the bed or in a closet. Most of them, save the dress not for the hope of fitting into it in 20 years, but to remember that magical day.” The writing demonstrates a mature command of language. There is variation in sentence structure, and the conventions of mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally followed.

## Anchor Paper 16-A

Aww I remember this; ohh and look how adorable this is! "Mom I can't believe you saved all of this." My face shimmered with joy as I went through old boxes filled with baby cloths, toys and old family photos. My mom keeps almost everything and took pictures of just about anything. Looking back at the pictures I could almost watch my brothers and I grow up, we have about a million pictures at every age. I asked her why was it so important for to keep all these things she said "There all precious things that help me relive the wonderful years that past."

For starters, someone would keep something because it reminds them of a special moment. It may not be worth anything in a pawn shop or wouldn't make more than a couple of dollars if it were sold on the street but to that one person it means the world. For example my older cousin was baptised when she was 16 years old at the beach. The day she was baptised she picked up the first two sea shell she saw. Now she is 27 and still has both of those shell. To any other person those shell would be worth less. There's hundreds more just like them but because they were the first two shells she saw she loves them dearly.

Other may keep certain items because it's been part of the family for many generations. In some cases it's been past down so long that it has become a family heirloom. One of my best friends has a family portrait that was done in the early 1900's. She said it's an honor to have the painting hung in her living room over her fire place because it part of her own personal history of family, where they came from and how

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they looked. Not to mention she said one day it will be very valuable and she will be able to pass it down to her children.

Something people save or collect are very valuable, and as the years go by it worth more and more. So many people collect or save different things like baseball card or limited addition action figures because they know in the future it will be worth double sometimes triple it's value today. My grand mother still has a 100% glass crystal bowl that her mother gave her she's been offered big money for it but she just won't let it go.

All in all many people keep many different things it may be because the value increase, or the history behind it. Could be like in my case the precious memories attached to them. Whatever the reason maybe the bottom line is all the things that we save are precious and valuable in one way or another.

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This response is focused on several sentimental reasons for saving things, and the writer reflects insight into the writing situation: “It may not be worth anything in a pawn shop or wouldn’t make more than a couple of dollars if it were sold on the street but to that one person it means the world.” Transitional devices are used effectively within each reason to create both a logical progression of ideas and a sense of completeness. Despite a weaker final reason, the development of the support is substantial, specific, and relevant: “One of my best friends has a family portrait that was done in the early 1900’s. She said it’s an honor to have the painting hung in her living room over her fire place because it part of her own personal history of family, where they came from and how they looked. Not to mention she said one day it will be very vauble and she will be able to pass it down to her children.” The writing demonstrates a mature command of language and variation in sentence structure. There are few, if any, errors in conventions.

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One clear Sunday afternoon, I decided to clean out a few drawers in my cluttered room. While rummaging through the disordered stacks of papers, letters, photographs and various 'things' from my earlier days, I enjoyed this revisit to my past and concluded 'why I had saved such a random collection of items. I hoarded my things because once important things are difficult to throw away. I enjoy getting a glimpse of my past and for reference purposes.

To begin, I save things because once important things are difficult to carelessly toss away. One wants to hold on to the things that made them happy or impacted their life. One memory can supply a distinct thought from the past, but seeing the tangible letter from a boyfriend or a story you wrote that won a grand prize is much more satisfying. People also tend to accumulate things over the years and throughout various experiences in one's life. Human nature suggests that people have trouble tossing their things away, and thus end up saving them.

Furthermore, I save things because I enjoy experiencing glimpses from my past. One always imagines sitting on a rocking chair with grandchildren and showing them old photographs of you as a child. I know I relished these times with my grandparents because they saved their precious things. Nothing makes people happier than sharing with others their story. Old letters, newspaper cuttings, collector baseball cards or postcards from around the world are just some of the things people like to save so they can experience a glimpse from...

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their past.

Finally, I save things for reference purposes. Old documents detailing the name of my favorite 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher <sup>or how</sup> well I did on the mile run test are all things I can discover by saving things. If I wanted to know the <sup>name of the</sup> exceptional brand of the shoes I wore and what my size was, I would need to look among the random pairs of shoes I saved. Saving things for reference purposes is fulfilling and satisfying. Not knowing something you are eager to know can be solved with rummaging through various saved items.

To conclude, saving things is very important to one's well being. I save things because it is difficult to throw away <sup>or</sup> once meaningful things, I enjoy <sup>expanding</sup> glimpses from my past and for reference purposes. Next time you hesitate about saving your things, remember how satisfying it will be to know you still have it with you, not just in your mind, but as a tangible item in your hands.

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### Score Point: 6

This tightly focused response features a strong introduction that both reflects insight into the writing situation and shows commitment to and involvement with the subject. The organizational pattern uses basic transitions in a very effective manner that provides a seamless flow from one idea to the next and contributes to a sense of completeness. The development of the supporting ideas is substantial and relevant, and the writing demonstrates a mature command of language with freshness of expression: “I save things because I enjoy experiencing glimpses from my past. One always imagines sitting on a rockingchair with grandchildren and showing them old photographs of you as a child. I know I relished these times with my grandparents because they saved their precious things. Nothing makes people happier than sharng with others their story.” There is variation in sentence structure throughout the response, and there are few, if any, errors in conventions.



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Heaping mounds of disowned clothes litter my bedroom floor, so much so that I can barely see the floor itself. Knick-knacks, last year's calendar, and papers graded by teachers over three years ago still find a home in my room. Over the years, I've noticed that the older I grow, the more of a pack rat I become. A question probably flowing through one's head at this moment (that I know puzzled me) is, why? What causes someone to save all the "junk" he or she has collected over the years? I've come to find out that people save things (or, at least I do) for the following reasons; they are sentimental, they have a fear of change, and sometimes they're just plain lazy.

Not everyone knows what it's like to be in love. But to those who do, they know what it is like to receive a card, or stuffed animal, or bouquet of flowers from the ones they love. Most of the time people like to save these things as a reminder of how thoughtful a person is, which makes them sentimental. Perhaps, people even keep things to be constantly reminded of a deceased loved one. Take myself, for example. I save everything that has to do with my father, because when he passed away I was only 3 and I do not remember him all too well. I want to have memories, however, so I make unforgettable memories with worldly things. This could be why people hoard things, but it is only one reason of at least three...

Some people might also have a problem with change. These are the people that do not change their hairstyles, clothes, or style of ANYTHING for that matter. They keep things the same for a fear that their lives will become unmanageably different. Thus, yet another reason to "pack rat!" Some people

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might have even lost someone very near and dear to them, scaring them in a way so that they are literally afraid to get rid of anything else. Yet, there are still reasons to save things that aren't psychological.

Ah, a field I can relate to; laziness. In my opinion this is the most common reason as to why people become pack rats. They just don't care enough about the organization of their lives to sort through their junk and get rid of things. Lazy people often think about "today" and never the consequences of "tomorrow." And just because they are lazy does not mean that they don't know it's unhealthy. They know their lives would be better off without the clutter, but they'd much rather have someone else do all the work for them.

In my opinion, saving too many things to be officially named as a pack rat is unhealthy and should be dealt with before the situation gets out of hand.

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### Score Point: 6

This response is focused on three reasons why people save their “junk.” The writer reflects insight into the writing situation throughout the response, especially in the final reason, laziness: “They know their lives would be better off without the clutter, but they’d much rather have someone else do all the work for them.” The writer maintains a seamless logical flow of ideas from one reason to the next through the use of effective transitional devices, which also contributes to a sense of completeness. The support is developed through the use of substantial, specific, and relevant examples: “they know what it is like to receive a card, or stuffed animal, or bouquet of flowers from the ones they love. Most of the time people like to save these things as a reminder of how thoughtful a person is, which makes them sentimental. Perhaps, people even keep things to be constantly reminded of a deceased loved one.” The writer shows commitment to the subject through a purposeful, personal introduction and demonstrates a mature command of language with freshness of expression. Sentence structure is varied and there are few errors in conventions.



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