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Second Grade—Narrative

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Ways to Use this Sample during Writing Instruction	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To show how to develop both the inner story and the external events. What did the writer feel or wonder when Rex disappeared?▪ To show how writers write about emotional events in their lives.	
Questions to Consider in Study Groups	
How could you push this writer to focus only on one small moment? How would this change the piece?	
Narrative Elements	This short piece communicates a lot of feeling. The writer establishes a sequence of events with attention to pacing.
Narrative Strategies	The writer talks directly to readers by asking questions.
Conventions	<i>Syntax and Vocabulary</i> The writer uses a variety of sentence lengths. The language is sophisticated in places—“brown lovely dog.” <i>Spelling</i> This piece has been edited for spelling. <i>Punctuation</i> This piece has been edited for conventions. The writer uses periods, exclamation points, and question marks appropriately.