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About the snowball fight.

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We threw snowballs at everyone. I got a another big snowball and dropped it right on sunshine head. Then I went in because I got really cold. So did my mom. She made me hot chocolate. It was burning hot! I was glad that I had a snowball fight because I love snowball fights.

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Second Grade—Narrative

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Ways to Use this Sample during Writing Instruction

- To show how writers stretch out special moments with lots of tiny details and “write long” about that time.
- To teach how to have sentences begin with a variety of words. Make a copy of this piece and read it with your class. Have them highlight all of the sentences that start with “I” or “Then.” Together come up with some new ways to begin sentences.

Questions to Consider in Study Groups

What is one thing you could teach this writer to move him forward as a writer?

What is something this writer could use in *all* pieces of writing, not just this piece?

Narrative Elements	This piece focuses on one central event (the snowball fight), while at the same time building suspense with a sequence of events.
Narrative Strategies	Notice the careful choice of words. The dialogue contributes to the piece without weighing it down.
Conventions	<i>Syntax and Vocabulary</i> The sentence patterns in this piece are similar. The writer begins many sentences with “Then” and “I.” <i>Spelling</i> This piece has been edited for spelling. <i>Punctuation</i> This piece has been edited for punctuation. However, the writer shows some confusion with the use of quotation marks.