

CREATIVE WRITING IN ENGLISH

CLASS: *Leaving a Legacy*

In the wake of a tremendous loss, our seventh-grade students took on a meaningful writing journey to cope, heal, and grow. Following the passing of beloved teacher Mrs. Chavez, students took time to honor her legacy—remembering her as an inspirational educator who left a lasting impact. This reflection served as the foundation for a writing assignment that challenged students to think critically about the life and legacy they hope to leave behind.



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The assignment was a three-step process designed to emphasize the importance of revision and refinement. Students began with a first draft, organizing their thoughts and exploring their personal aspirations. After proofreading and making initial edits, they created a second draft, which was then peer-reviewed by a classmate. The final draft reflected not only improved sentence structure and clarity but also deeper, more refined personal insights. Each step reinforced the idea that writing is a process—one that requires careful thought, revisions, and growth.

Graded Paper?
Mrs. Brown
5:00-7:00
1/22/25

Legacy Max Alvarez

What is legacy? Legacy is the long-lasting impact of particular events or a person's life. It is what you are remembered for. I want to be remembered for my Christian character and the way I treat others.

When I die I want people to think of me as a kind Christian who helped at the church and was always willing to help. I want people to know me as the person who was always there to convert others to Christ. To leave behind a legacy where people can say "If Ruby could do that, then so can I!" It would be amazing to be able to give others the courage to share the word. I would make me so happy leaving a legacy of my Christian character is the most important thing to me.

When I pass away I want my future family to remember me as a joyful and funny person. I want them to remember me as the person who could always make others laugh. I want my kids to remember me as a kind, loving man. I want my grandkids to think of me as the "fun" grandpa who would always spoil them. I want my family and friends to think back about how I would help them with their death. I want them to know that I would always help them grow in their faith.

When I get older I want to be a firefighter. I want to be able save others and help my community. I want others to recognize my work when I die and appreciate what I did to help

my community I want people to remember me as the type of person who ~~was~~ always step in to help ~~others~~ others when I pass on from this world. I want others to remember me for my funny personality, my Christian character, and my willingness to help others.

Maybe write more about the impact you'll have as a firefighter.

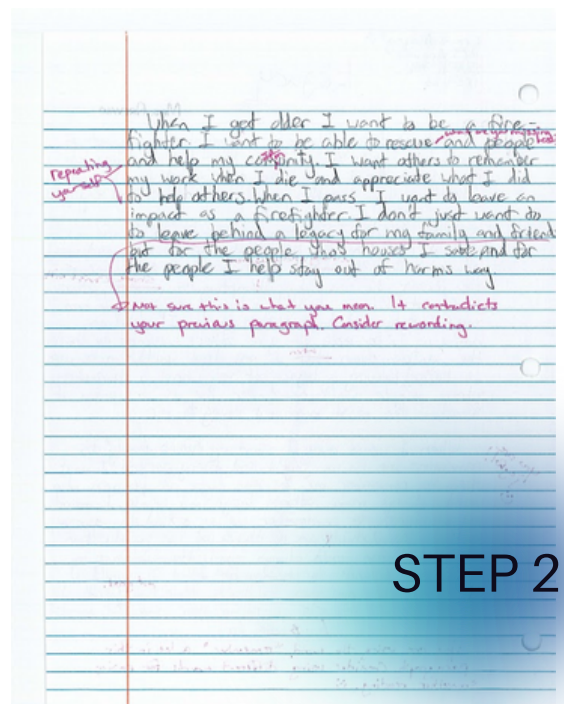
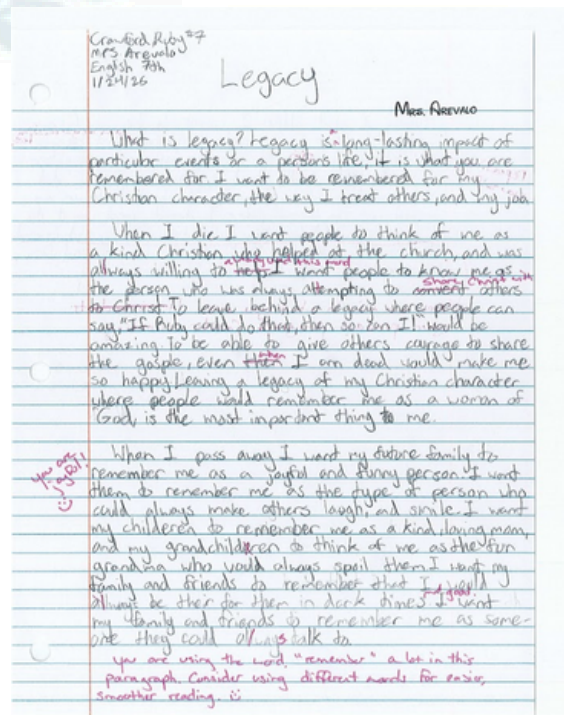
STEP 1

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Beyond writing mechanics, this assignment fostered self-awareness, goal setting, and reflection. Students had to clearly communicate their ideas, support their thoughts with evidence, and maintain an appropriate style and tone. More importantly, they were given the space to consider the impact they wish to have on others—just as Mrs. Chavez had on them.

Through this project, students not only strengthened their writing skills but also developed a greater appreciation for the power of their words and actions. Mrs. Chavez's legacy lives on in the thoughtful reflections of her students, who are now more mindful of the mark they hope to leave on the world.



STEP 2

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Crawford, Ruby #7

Mrs. Arevalo

English 7th

1/27/25

Legacy

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When I die I want people to think of me as a kind Christian who helped at the church, and was always willing to assist others. I want people to know me as the person who was always attempting to share Christ with others. To leave behind a legacy where people can say, "If Ruby could do that, then so could I!" would be amazing. To be able to give others the courage to share the gospel, even when I am long gone, would be a wonderful legacy. Leaving a legacy of my Christian character, where people would remember me as a woman of God, is the most important thing to me.

When I pass away, I want my family to remember me as a joyful and funny person. I want them to recall me as the type of person who could always make others laugh, and smile. Someone who was able to be a bright light to others. I want my children to remember me as a kind and loving mom, someone they could always talk to. I want my grandchildren to look back and smile when they remember that I was a fun grandma that would take them anywhere, and would always spoil them but teach them how to smile at life. I want my family to remember that I would always be there for them in the dark times and the good times. I want my family and friends to remember me as someone they could always rely on.

STEP 3

When I get older I want to be a firefighter. I want to be able to rescue people from fire and work to keep the community where I live safe. Being a firefighter is really hard work, and I want the people in my life to understand why I want to work hard for them. When I pass I want to leave an impact as a firefighter. I want my legacy to be felt by many. Maybe even by people I will never meet. Maybe even people in other states. I want people to think of me as someone who would do anything in their power to keep others out of harm's way, while upholding Godly character. If I impact one person or thousands, my legacy will be exactly how God wants it to be.
