

EXAMPLE THREE-PARAGRAPH NONFICTION STORY

Prompt: Choose a time in your life when you really wanted something, but you didn't know whether you could get it. Write a personal story containing at least three paragraphs and all the elements of a story that shows how you worked to get what you wanted. Use the MLA style.

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At 9 years old, I wanted my own dog. My 14-year-old brother, Jesse, had asked for and received a dog for his 10th birthday. His dog, Sophie, was a beautiful Golden Retriever. Jesse and Sophie loved each other and spent a lot of time together in our house and playing outside. I loved Sophie, too, but I wanted a dog for myself. I wanted a dog to sleep with me and play with me. I started a campaign to convince my parents to give me a dog. I put pressure on my mom and dad to give me a dog for my 10th birthday by talking to them, showing them pictures, and enlisting my brother's help.

Each week, I asked my parents to give me a dog. Unfortunately, my dad kept saying things like, "No, we don't need another dog!", "One dog is enough!", and "Dogs are too expensive!" My mom loves dogs and kept saying, "We'll see." At the pet store, I showed my mom a picture of a dog, and I asked her to get that dog for me. It was a fluffy white dog, small enough to hold on my lap. I wanted an inexpensive dog. Next, I asked my brother to convince my parents to give me a dog. He started telling them to give me a dog.

On my birthday, I was at first excited and then depressed. I got some very nice presents, but I did not get a dog. I started to cry about not getting a dog. My dad said, "I'm sorry, but we aren't going to have another dog!" I decided to continue to ask for a dog. Every day, I talked to my parents about wanting a dog. I promised to feed the dog and take

the dog on walks. I promised to help around the house. A couple of months later, I opened a big box under the Christmas tree. I got the dog that I wanted! Her name is Blaze. She sits next to me when I do my homework or watch T.V., and she sleeps with me. I am very happy that I didn't give up on asking for my own dog.