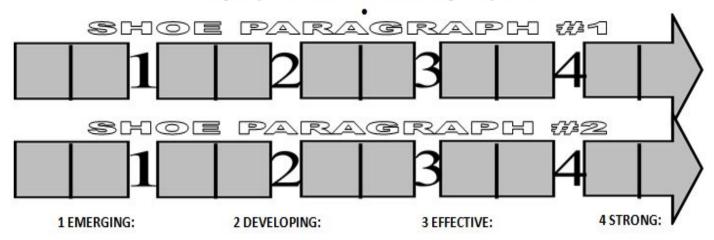
For this writing project students were asked to research a variety of <u>UNIQUE</u> shoes. From the shoes researched, students are to complete two paragraph assignments. The major focus is on IDEAS & CONTENT. Students will be evaluated on the key question and bullets listed below. Although the importance of mechanics and sentence structure were emphasized throughout this project, they are not the major focus for evaluating these writing pieces.

Topic Choices

- A detailed description of the shoe's owner, and why he/she owns it
- A paragraph in which the shoe played an important part of a particular event in history
- Why the shoe is famous? What famous person owned it?
- How you tracked down the shoe's original owner
- How the shoe saved your life
- Another creative idea of writer's choice

Key Question: Did the writer stay focused and share original and fresh information/perspective during the shoe paragraph?

- The topic is narrow and manageable
- A clear, central theme drives the writing
- Goes beyond the obvious or predictable
- Lots of showing (specifics) rather than telling (generalities)
 - · Quality of details counts more than quantity of lines



need for revision outweighs strengths; not much evidence of strength in the areas listed above; small hints of what the writer has in mind strengths and need for revisions are about equal; evidence of some development of a few bullets listed above; writing is about halfway home

strengths outweigh weaknesses; evidence of pretty good control with the bullets listed above; small revisions are needed shows excellent control and skill in this trait; evidence of major strengths in most of the bullets listed above

SHOE #1

It all started my cousin was coming to visit. He was coming to stay from Texas. Though I had never even met him before this would be the first time we meet. I had no idea what to expect from him. But he was going to arrive soon so I had better get ready. It was 10:30 AM when we had to go pick him up. He was only staying for a few days. We got to the airport and walked in. It was then I saw him he was dressed in Justin Bieber type clothes. He had short hair he seemed nice. He walked over to me and said hi are you Alex Bailey. I said yes. He said the names Price. I said hi Price trying to seem nice. I wanted to make a good first impression. We walked back to the car that was parked in the front of the airport. Me and Price got home and we went downstairs to play Call Of Duty on the PS4. We started talking and eventually that lead to a



conversation. We were playing the game and out of nowhere my mom said hurry upstair Price has to leave! We both shouted why?! She Said I will explain when you get up here! Me and Price run upstairs to see what it was and we saw Prices dad standing in the doorway. His dad said we got to go your mother is in the hospital! Price is like ok ok I'm coming bye Alex got to go. I said but wait you forgot your shoes! But by that time he was already out the door. That's how I ended up with these shoes I was telling my friend that came over to my house.

SHOE #2

It all started when I took a peaceful walk in the woods. The trees were rustling and swaying. It was a peaceful walk until I tripped and fell in a 5 foot deep hole. Me being 5 feet tall I couldn't get out. I looked around the hole I was in and I saw something buried in the hole with me. I started to dig it up with my bare hands. That was taking to long so I pulled them out of the ground. They were purple, I think they are shoes I said to myself. I had my phone on my luckily I was able to contact my friend to help me out. He got here and said you really weren't lying when you said the hole was 5 feet deep. After he helped me out he said what are those in your hand? I said they were shoes I found in the pit. They look fancy he said. I said I'm not sure what they are. I'm going to go home and research it right now so bye. I got home when on the computer and looked up what these shoes are. Apparently the shoes were worth millions! They were a famous girls shoes there wasn't much info on the net about them just if you found them return to the address to get a reward of 1 mill. I decided to keep the shoes to see



if in the future the reward would rise. Thats how I found the old shoes I was telling my grandchildren.