Student Exemplar: Kade's Creative Response (Rough Draft)

Kevin has provided peer feedback in the margins on Kade's rough draft.

My chosen format: email

From: jdawg Subject: Whatever

Date: January 15, 2009

To: wsmartguy@google.com

Hey Will. So, what are we going to do with you? I see you every day getting harassed by those idiots! Why don't you just stand up? Look I know what it's like. I spent years in my old school dealing with that garbage, but I won't let anyone treat me like that anymore. You need to step up or step off. Those meatheads are going to try to make school miserable for you forever! Sometimes you have to take the beats to show that you are tougher than they think. Hey, how many times can they kick you when you are down or refuse to fight back?

Trust me - this WILL work!

From:jdawg

Subject: sorry

Date: January 18, 2009

To: wsmartguy@google.com

Wow. I am so sorry man. I never would have guessed that people could be so insane. What gives? I couldn't believe what I saw when the teacher led you to the office, and then she took you to the infirmary. How much blood did you lose? Those guys are psycho to do that! You gave up and they still punched you??? Are they going to be kicked out for this? The school is not safe for anyone with goons like that around. I feel responsible giving you that advice and all. Look, finals are coming and we can have some time off to chill and get away from school for a while. See ya, and sorry again.

From: jdawg
Subject: sorry

Date: January 24, 2009

To: wsmartguy@google.com

Where have you been? Are you sick? What's with missing so much time with finals on? I know it stinks and I know what your day is like but you are going to flunk out of school. Seriously, call me at home or text my cell or just come by and we will figure things out. We need to make a plan to talk to someone at school and get these creeps off your back. Ttyl.

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I think you should give some context for the readers. Who is jdawg and wsmartguy? How do they know each other? What conflict caused the conversation to start?

Kade, maybe there is a better word to start us off here? Just a thought.

We or him, Kade? Who is being bullied here? If him, then Jeff is pretty matter-of-fact about his friend's struggles.

Is "taking the beats" really the best advice a person would give a friend?

Jeff's tone sounds kind of insincere. He was there and did nothing? Would Jeff share how he felt about his role as a bystander?

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From: jdawg Subject: sorry

Date: January 30, 2009

To: wsmartguy@google.com

I think you mean principal, as in the principal who runs the

school. Right?

Here I see the more concerned voice. I can see how Jeff really wants to help his buddy. Cool.



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What's your deal? I came by your house and you won't see me. We've been friends for this whole year, and hey I think I may be your only friend so don't shut me out! Kidding, but seriously are you really sick or something? What's the plan Will? Are you going to the cops or the principle or what? Did you tell your parents. What's up bro...help me help you figure this out. Later and hey, call me? ←

From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <mailer-daemon@googlemail.com>

Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Date: January 30, 2009

To: jdawg@google.com

Delivery to the following recipient failed permanently: wsmartguy@google. com

Technical details of permanent failure:

Google tried to deliver your message, but it was rejected by the recipient domain.

From: Jeffery Jones Subject: Evidence Date: February 1, 2010

To: RCMP@fed.gov.ca

My name is Jeff. I am, I mean, I was, a friend of Will's. My mom told me this morning that Will was found in his room, and he was dead. She didn't give me the details but I got an idea what happened. I have emails detailing the abuse that Will had to put up with – dates, names, places – everything. Will and I became friends in September and used to email back and forth. If I only had seen it coming. I would like to bring these emails to your office as soon as possible, or I could forward them if you require them immediately, especially if it gets Will's tormenters where they should be: IN PRISON!

Did you mean to capitalize these words? Nowadays, all capitals means yelling. Are you yelling at the RCMP?



Cool choice in format with emails! Can you make the text on the page look like email messages somehow? How come we don't see Will's replies? I don't get it. I wonder if Jeff might tone it down a bit in the last email, maybe because he feels badly for not speaking up sooner? Just a suggestion.