**File Name: N2R The Adventure into the Abandoned Warehouse**

**Narrative**

**Grade 2**

**Range of Writing**

The Adventure into the Abandoned Warehouse

Introduces the main character and setting to provide some context for understanding the events that follow

Once there was an abandoned warehouse that was enormous. You could hear growling if you came near.

There was this kid named Clay who has blue eyes and brown hair and he’s always ready for an adventure. He is 8 years old.

**Recounts a** well-elaborated **short sequence of events**

One day, Clay and his younger brothers Bobby and George wanted to get into the abandoned warehouse that they passed by one day while walking. They wanted to find out what was making all that noise. All of them were scared and excited.

**Includes details to describe feelings**

**Uses temporal words to signal event order**

But the second time they got there, there were guards and this time they were really scared so they left. They came there again and the guards were still there. They thought they would never get in.

Then, Clay had an idea. “How about we go home and get a distraction?” They decided that George and Bobby would yell at the guards and say, “Hey Buddy!” Then they would run around the abandoned warehouse and go in the door and meet Clay. When they got back, the distraction was ready. They were successful. So, when they got in, they looked until they heard it. They heard a growl. “Let’s go,” said, Bobby and George.

**Includes details to describe actions**

**Includes details to describe thoughts**

They said, “OK.” They got there and they heard it. They could not see it and then they saw it, it was a puppy! They were so happy.

**Provides a sense of closure**

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In this second-grade narrative, the writer describes a short series of connected events that begins when a group of friends hears growling in an abandoned warehouse. This piece is rich in detail. The writer describes the characters’ feelings *(“All of them were scared and excited”)*, thoughts *(“Then, Clay had an idea.”)*, and actions *(“So, when they got in, they looked until they heard it.”)*. The discovery that the growling came from a puppy wraps up the story logically and provides a sense of closure. Like many second-grade narratives, this story ends a bit abruptly and leaves the reader with unanswered questions. Creating a satisfying ending is a difficult skill, often not mastered in the primary grades.

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**Revised and Edited for Student Use**

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Once there was an abandoned warehouse that was enormous. You could hear growling if you came near. Close to the warehouse lived a kid named Clay who had blue eyes and brown hair and was always ready for an adventure. He was 8 years old.

Clay and his younger brothers, Bobby and George, wanted to get into the abandoned warehouse that they had passed by one day while walking. They wanted to find out what was making all that noise. All of them were scared and excited.

But the second time they got there, there were guards. This time, they were really scared, so they left. Then they went there again and the guards were still there. They thought they would never get in!

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When they got in, they looked until they heard it. They heard a growl. “Let’s go,” said Bobby and George. They said, “OK.” They got there, and they heard it again, but they could not see anything. And then they saw it. It was a puppy! They were so happy.

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