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Dear Ms. Wood:

My essay, "Buried Treasure," was written about an emblematic object, my grandfather's obituary, that has recently become a big part of my life. My goal in this essay is to help the reader relive a special moment in my life. I hope to show the symbolic importance of the object and how it has connected me closer to my past.

While writing my essay, I made sure to imagine and focus on the exact feelings I was having at the moment. I put about 90% of my own personal information and feelings into it. I felt that would help me to communicate with the reader at a personal level. I hope the reader feels my emotions while reading my essay. In the second paragraph, I try to explain the heartache of losing my grandfather and father at what I consider a young age. I explain how I thought my grandfather was in his eighties when he passed. I closed my eyes and reenacted my memories in my head. I focused on the emotions that were running through my body at that specific time. After opening my eyes, I placed my pen on my paper and began to lay it down.

A couple of concerns I have is that I might have put too much feeling and emotions into my essay. While writing my essay, I made sure to use my actual memories and feelings in order to communicate with the reader at a personal level, but an overwhelming amount of feelings can make someone feel uncomfortable and/or bombarded. Another concern is that I might have focused more on my family than I did on the object. The last thing I would hate to do is take my readers off track and bore them.

I hope to grow from this writing experience. Not just grow on an essay writing level, but also on an emotional level. This essay helped me put my emotions in order and even made me realize somethings I never did before. It brought a wonderful perspective and conclusion to one of the fondest moments in my life. I thank you for your time, and I thank you for giving me the chance to express myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ismael I. Gardea". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ismael I. Gardea