



Sample **Fifth Grade Reading** that Meets Standards

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Animals of the Arctic

Suppose you are taking an expedition to a place where it is dark even in the early afternoon. As you stand outside, imagine huge gusts of wind and temperatures that make your ears sting with cold. Imagine a landscape of snow and only a few trees. There are huge sheets of ice floating by the freezing ocean water. Some of these sheets of ice are several miles across.

It is winter now, but if you were to return during the summer, you would see patches of grass and moss where the snow has melted. Underneath the moss and grass, the solid below the surface remains frozen, even in the summer. You would be on Earth's northernmost piece of land. Welcome to the Arctic!



Sample **Fifth Grade Writing** that Meets Standards

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Queen and The Three Dogs

"It's too bad that Mr. Griff is closing the shop," Queen thought to her self. Queen and three dogs had been pets of Mr. Griff the owner, but now the shop was going out of business and Mr. Griff put all the furniture outside his shop so people could look at them. Queen had to hold a meeting with the dogs. They loved the shop but they would probably have to go to the pound because Mr. Griff wouldn't be able to feed them with what little money he had. Queen meowed a couple of times and the dogs came bounding over. First Charlie then Skip and then Spot. Queen climbed up to the top of the velvet chair and got right down to the point. "You guys are going to have to leave here or go to the pound. What do you want to do?" "We wouldn't go to the pound for anything," they chorused, "So I guess your leaving," Queen said. Queen *** trying to hold tears back. She loved the dogs but she wouldn't be able to come with them. She had a bad leg and when ever she tried to run pain shoot up her leg like a lightning bolt electricuting someone. Queen would have to go to the pound or be a street cat which she disliked. Do you boys have all your toys with you? Yes we do. Are you sure you will be ok without me? We think so. Queen followed the boys in the shop so she could hear there barks of goodbye to Mr. Griff. But he was talking to a men. After what seemed like an eternity the men left with a grin on his face. Mr. Griff also had a grin on his face. My wonderful pets we will be able to stay in the upstairs apartment because that wonderful man bought the shop from us but he is letting us stay upstairs still! The dogs jumped for joy and even though Queen couldn't jump she started to purr.