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Reading
Session 2

Read this passage from the memoir One Writer's Beginnings. *Then answer the questions that follow.*

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50. Explain how the train ride means different things to the father and the daughter. Use specific details from the passage to support your answer.

Scoring Guide

Score	Description
4	Response provides a thorough explanation about how the train ride means different things to the father and the daughter. Explanation includes specific, relevant details from the passage.
3	Response provides an explanation about how the train ride means different things to the father and the daughter. Explanation includes supporting details from the passage, but lacks specificity, relevance, and/or development.
2	Response provides a partial explanation about how the train ride means different things to the father and the daughter. Explanation includes limited details from the passage and/or is partially correct.
1	Response makes a vague or minimal statement about how the train ride means different things to the father and the daughter.
0	Response is totally incorrect or irrelevant.
Blank	No response.

Scoring Notes

How the train ride means different things to the father and the daughter:

The narrator did not think about the scenes she saw as real and changing. They were in her memory as she saw them. In the beginning of the passage, she describes what she sees as unknown to her, "the imagination to me." She states "I dreamed over what I could see as it passed, as well as over what I couldn't." Part of the dream is the things she sees; part is what she imagines. But she does not understand that what she sees is real and continues to change.

This contrasts with what her father sees and knows as real. He has traveled this route before, has seen the changes, and knows the lay of the land. Even the time and distance between mileposts do not change. He "put(s) it all into the frame of regularity, predictability . . ." For her the train ride is a fantasy; for him it is reliving an experience.

Score Point 4

The father and the daughter both perceive different things From the train ride. To the father, the train ride represents rhythm. It is a constant. He is able to predict exactly when the train arrives at each destination. He knows the landmarks and scenery of the surroundings. He is prepared for each thing that appears. The daughter is struck by the uniqueness of each new occurence. She is enjoying the new feeling of the train ride. She is also enjoying the rhythm like her father. The click of the rails, the sound of the engine, and the movement of the train are joyful to her. She is her father's child because she loves the regularity of the journey. She is also caught up in the newness of the experience. To the father the train ride represents consistency and happiness; to the daughter it represents joy and peace.

Score Point 3

The train ride to the dad is just an ordinary thing. He knows the timing of which they arrive in certain towns. As the daughter says "My father knew our way mile by mile; by day or by night, he knew where we were." The father knew all of the sounds all of the meanings for each different whistle. Yet, to the daughter this was a whole new experience. She was woken up by different sounds shocked by some of the noises, amazed by some as well. This was something new and exciting for her.

Score Point 2

The father likes the scenery, and the train being on time. He likes knowing were he's going and what time He'll get there. The daughter likes the noises, how everything feels. When the train "rhythmically lulled" her. She appreciates the things that most people wouldn't.

Score Point 1

The train ride is a new experience to her. To
her dad its just an everyday thing but
they both enjoy the trip.

Score Point 0

It was more intrrsting to the fatner
thin the daughter.