

**Cut the following parts of an essay, and then piece them together in the correct order:** (Use the document titled "Expository Essay Checklist" if you need help.)

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All in all, having a baby sister, new after-school activities, and more responsibilities have certainly changed my life, but I know I'm capable enough to handle these changes.

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Middle school means getting more homework, dealing with a hectic schedule, and as a result, needing to be more organized. Thank goodness for homework folders and planners, though I need to get better at using them. Getting to class on time is a schedule challenge, since we only have four minutes to move from class to class and go to the bathroom. And if I forget my homework, I have to stay for after-school detention, and that's no fun. To make things worse, I also have more chores to do at home. I have to take out the trash, clean my room, wash my clothes, and - as I mentioned already - help take care of my baby sister. Life has gotten much more complicated! I must stay on top of things and manage my time wisely if I want to be successful.

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To begin with, I have a six-month-old baby sister.

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Changes and More Changes

I'm also certain that these new experiences are helping me become a mature and responsible young adult. So, really, there's no need to be afraid.

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Three significant ways in which my life has changed from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are that I now have a baby sister, new after-school activities, and more responsibilities.

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I participate in sports, such as soccer and basketball, and clubs, such as MESA and Change Makers. Staying after school is fun, and I'm making lots of new friends, but it means that when I get home I barely have time to do my homework, so I hardly watch TV or play video games during the week. In spite of that, I want to continue participating in after-school activities. They make school much more interesting.

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Last, but not least, I have more responsibilities.

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Are you afraid of change? We all experience changes as we grow up and that can be scary. The transition from elementary to middle school brings with it many changes.

Also, I have all these new and exciting after-school activities.

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She's cute and fun, and I love to play with her, but having a baby sister means more work. I have to help feed her, change her diapers, and entertain her while my mom cooks and cleans the house. That means I now have less time to do fun things by myself or with my friends. She also cries a lot during the night, so I get less sleep. Even so, I love her a lot, and I'm grateful she's a part of my life.

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Tip: A five-paragraph essay must have three **yummy** body paragraphs.