Idaho 9th Grade Direct Writing Assessment

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Making mistakes is apart of everyday life. Everybody makes a mistake at some point in their lives. The question is, do we learn from our mistakes? Do we realize what we've done and move on? Do we willingly accept the consequences for our actions?

When I was about five years old, I made a mistake I will never forget. My Grandma _ _ past away a few years before. She left behind some very pretty dolls. My mother used the dolls in our house for decoration in our home. They were neatly placed on our fire place mantle. Being five, and a girl, those dolls appealed to me. One day, I decided to play with one, even though my mom told me not to.

Being so young and naive, I ended up breaking one of the dolls arms off. My mom would be heartbroken if she found out. I decided not to tell her. So I tucked the dolls broken arm under her skirt, and carefully placed her back on the mantle. I didn't think it was that noticeable, so I didn't think my mom would see it either.

My mom didn't notice for about two weeks. When She did finially notice, she headed straight for me. I think She had a clue that it could have been me because I was the only girl in my family. Three boys and 1 girl. I was bound to be the culprit. But, I still denied it the whole time.

She didn't bring it up for a couple of days. I guess she was just waiting for me to confess. By the end of the week she got it out of me. After many tears, and several hugs, things were back to normal. I felt good after I told her. It was as if a weight was lifted off my shoulders.

From that day on, I tried to tell the truth the first time, instead of trying to play it off. It's helped me to be an honest person in the long run. I do have my moments where I try to lie. But I always end up telling the truth. It amazes me how something so little could have such a great impact on my life. Like they Say "Honesty is the best policy."

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