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What a crazy day! I had just sat down with my lunch tray when all of a sudden the fire alarm starting going off! The lunch monitor yelled at us all to get in a line by the door and start heading outside. As we passed by the kitchen, I saw that it was full of smoke! As we got outside, we heard the sirens getting closer. This was real!

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Everywhere you look, New York City seems to be bustling with excitement. With less than a week to go, the people of New York are anxiously preparing for the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Officials are saying that it will be the biggest one yet! Millions of people are expected to be watching this event!

~ The New York Times

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Textbooks, research papers, and many newspaper articles provide this type of account for their readers.

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Today was a very long day on the trail. Since it hasn't rained in weeks, our wagon wheels are constantly throwing dust into the air. It makes me cough and sneeze! We traveled about 25 miles today, which meant that we were riding for over 12 hours! Sometimes it seems like we will never reach our destination.

~ young pioneer girl's journal entry

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The devastation from the recent hurricane in New Orleans is evident everywhere you look. Sources claim that most people are still without power and water is also scarce. The Red Cross will remain in the area to assist the people who have suffered from this horrible storm. Stay tuned for more details about this story.

~ 11:00 Television news report

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There was a buzzing of excitement growing in the crowd. Any minute, we were expecting the team to arrive on the floor. I looked up at the huge video screen to get a closer look. The announcer began a slow countdown. I couldn't wait for my favorite team to appear and get this game started!

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This type of account allows us to experience the feelings and thoughts of a person going

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Reporter: How are you feeling today after being nominated for mayor?

Mayor: I am very honored to accept this position. I can't wait to lead this

thoughts of a person going through the actual event.

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city to new and great things!

Reporter: What will you do first?

Mayor: I first want to ask the people of this town for their ideas.

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Dear Mary,
I am writing this to convince you to move to my hometown! It was just voted the "friendliest" city in the area! I love to walk down the street and have people wave and smile at me. I really think you would find our town to be a great new place to live! I hope you consider it!

Sincerely your friend, Julie

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The American soldiers had a very long and hard winter at Valley Forge during the American Revolutionary war. Food and drinking water were scarce and supplies were very low. It was hard to keep the soldiers warm and healthy. It was a very difficult time in our government's history.

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Journals, interviews, diaries, and letters are examples for this kind of account of information.

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The most important thing I've learned is not to give up! I've probably had over 1,000 different experiments that have failed. However, I don't let that get me off track. I use my mistakes to make corrections for the future. In fact, that is how I stumbled upon my invention of the new light bulb filament.

~ excerpt from T. Edison's autobiography

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As I rounded the corner, I could hear the noise from the crowd at the finish line growing louder and louder. My lungs felt like they were on fire and I wasn't sure if my legs could actually make this last stretch. This race was harder than anything I've ever done! However, I'm very determined to finish it!

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It must have been really hard to have Annie Sullivan's job. She was a teacher to a young girl named Helen Keller. Her job was difficult because Helen Keller was both blind and deaf. She was determined to help this little girl learn to live like other people, though. Her hard work paid off when she finally found a unique way to teach her!

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This account comes from someone's research and notes, NOT from their own experience or feelings.

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It was reported that at about 12:30 PM yesterday afternoon, a small fire broke out at Pleasant Hill Elementary School. Everyone was evacuated quickly and safely and no one got hurt. The local fire station responded quickly and put out the small grease fire. Firefighters think that it started on the back burner of a stove.

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When my grandma was about 12, she got to experience the first rocket launch to the moon! Her dad was working on the launch and invited her to sit with him at the launch site. She told me that she can still remember the rumble of the ground and the smell of thick smoke in the air when the rocket lifted off. My grandmother's account of the story was:

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I peeked out from behind the curtain at the crowd gathering in the auditorium. I felt the butterflies in my stomach starting to flutter again. There were so many people out there! What if I forgot my music or lost my place in the song? The recital had seemed exciting at first but now it seemed terrifying!

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Dear Family,
 I miss you all very much. I am sad that I won't be home for the holiday but I feel proud that I'm able to protect and serve our great country. Things have been pretty quiet lately. The weather here in the desert is very hot and so dry. I can't wait to be back home again!
 ~excerpt from a soldier's letter

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The Oregon Trail was the name given to a well traveled road leading to the western part of our country back in the 1800's. Families would pack up all of their belongings and manage to fit everything into one small covered wagon. Often it was so crowded that the children and young adults preferred walking alongside. It must have been quite an adventure!

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Congratulations are in order for our local town

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The great ship named Titanic was built to be the

of Maple City! They were just named the "Friendliest Town" in the state. It was reported that this town has more parks, sidewalks, trees, and picnic areas than all of the other surrounding towns combined! No wonder it's friendly. You would probably be friendly, too, if you had all of those things available to you!

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The ship was named the *Titanic* and was the world's largest vessel at the time. However, after what my family went through, I often wonder why it was ever named that. We were some of the lucky ones that survived that fateful night when our captain hit an iceberg. As the ship began to sink, we were able to escape on a lifeboat. It was so scary!

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September 20, 1492

Today was another long day at sea. Our scouts keep searching the horizon for any sign of land but so far haven't spotted anything. My crew is growing hungry and restless. I must admit, that I, too, am in need of seeing land again. But, I still have hope that we will indeed reach a new land soon!

~log entry from Christopher Columbus

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