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*Respond to each of the following questions with an academic, analytical response. Each response must be five sentences minimum. Make your answers blue.*

1. What are you most looking forward to doing this summer? Explain clearly what activity you will be doing. Why are you excited about it?

Although I will be traveling to Canada this summer, I am most looking forward to playing basketball with my friends in Taiwan because my friends aren't traveling to Vancouver with me. Playing basketball with my friends Colin, Angelo, Dylan, Ray, Brayden, and Tyler is always fun because my friends have advanced basketball skills and insane accuracy. The last game that we played was over an hour and both teams scored over 60 points. I was in charge of playing the fast break position of the team, since I was agile and fast, while my other teammates had other roles such as being a point guard and shooting guard. I can't wait to play another match with them because it puts my basketball skills to use, and grows my basketball experience each time.

2. Who is the most interesting character in *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*? Why do you think so? Use evidence from the book to make your argument.

The most interesting character in the book *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* is the goldfish from the start of the story. That very goldfish is what sparked Minli's interest in her expedition to see the Old Man of the Moon, but more importantly, the goldfish has swum every ocean and river, learning much of the world; including how to get to Never-Ending Mountain. Moreover, the goldfish also helped Ma and Ba stay hopeful for Minli when she was looking for the Never-Ending Mountain. This shows that the goldfish is intelligent and important because without the goldfish, the story of *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* wouldn't be complete. The goldfish may just be a little, bright orange creature swimming in the vast ocean; yet it has more knowledge than some others.

3. What are three things you learned this semester? Why do you think those things are important? How will you make sure you remember them?

The most crucial thing that I learned this semester is to be creative in your writing. For example, exaggerating some sentences, and adding hilarious touches and unique parts to your writing will really make it stand out, and I think this will also catch your teacher's attention, making them intrigued by your writing. I can remember this by having a sticky note stuck to my computer, reminding me to stay creative every time I write.

Furthermore, you shouldn't use words that are too hard for you to understand. In your writing, you could pick an advanced word like preponderant to substitute for a word like powerful to sound smart, but sometimes although the meaning of the word itself is correct, when you put it into a sentence, it might become incorrect and you get a fat zero. This one is easy to remember because I can check it with my brain: if I don't know it, I don't use it.

Lastly, you should always have a good attitude when you are writing. I realized that attitude is really important in doing any task because if you have a motivated and happy attitude, you will work on the task more efficiently. On the other hand, if you have a bad attitude, you may not want to do tasks and procrastinate. This applies the same to writing because writing requires you to put your ideas on a sheet of paper, and if you have a good attitude, you will be focused on the writing assignment, thus finishing the task with ease. I

will remember this tip by listening to music while I write because it will get me a good attitude.