## Section 1:

#1: "The aquamarine carpet lay in the centre of the golden acacia floorboards deteriorating and battered with years of use. But still, it lies strong, its presence, a testament to enduring the difficulties and resilience and determination to survive in harsh conditions."

Strengths:

- Vivid colour imagery with specific details
- Strong metaphorical connection between physical state and resilience

Weakness: Tense consistency  $\rightarrow$  Your writing shifts between past tense "lay" and present tense "lies" within the same description. This makes it harder for readers to follow the timeline of your story.

## Exemplar: The aquamarine carpet lies in the centre of the golden acacia floorboards, deteriorating and battered with years of use. Yet it remains strong, its presence a testament to enduring difficulties with unwavering resilience.

#2: "Its essence transforms the room into a mystical wonder of vintage smells, evoking a flood of nostalgia that surges through your body and brings people back to their youth."

Strengths:

- Engaging sensory details
- Effective emotional connection with readers

Weakness: Subject clarity  $\rightarrow$  Your writing moves between "your body" and "people" when describing the emotional impact. Keeping one perspective would make the experience more personal for readers.

## Exemplar: Its essence transforms the room into a mystical wonder of vintage smells, evoking a flood of nostalgia that surges through your body, carrying you back to your youth.

#3: "This carpet has seen and gone through the toughest times in the past century; the World Wars, the Great Depression, and the attacks of 9/11."

Strengths:

• Strong historical context

• Powerful timeline establishment

Weakness: Development depth  $\rightarrow$  Your writing lists historical events without showing how they specifically affected the carpet. Adding specific details about these impacts would create a stronger connection.

Exemplar: This carpet has witnessed the toughest times in the past century, its fibres bearing silent witness to families huddled together during the World Wars, weathering the hardships of the Great Depression, and providing comfort after 9/11.

■ Your piece creates a beautiful snapshot of a meaningful object, but could benefit from more specific details about how each historical event left its mark on the carpet. You could expand on how different generations interacted with it during these pivotal moments. Try adding more personal touches about the families who owned it and their stories.

Task: Rewrite the paragraph about historical events (#3), focusing on showing specific ways the carpet was affected during each time period you mentioned.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

#1 The aquamarine carpet <del>lay</del> [lies] in the centre of the golden acacia floorboards deteriorating and battered with years of use. <del>But still, it lies</del> [Yet it remains] strong, its presence, a testament to enduring the difficulties and resilience and determination to survive in harsh conditions.

#2 Its essence transforms the room into a mystical wonder of vintage smells, evoking a flood of nostalgia that surges through your body and brings people [evoking a flood of nostalgia that surges through your body, bringing you] back to their youth. The wave design on the carpet seemed to lap on the shores of a golden beach, its tranquil, serene sounds calming your body.

#3 This carpet has seen and gone through the toughest times in the past century; the World Wars, the Great Depression, and the attacks of 9/11. No one knew exactly when or how it was made, but its age-old presence spoke of wisdom beyond measure. Its life, marked by imperfection, whispered the quiet strength of survival. And though its time may be running short, this old, fraying carpet would leave behind a legacy of endurance that few could truly understand.