

# Writing Feedback

**DAY 7 | 22nd of April | HOLIDAY WRITING HOMEWORK**

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## Section 1:

### #1 (First paragraph) Strengths:

- Vivid descriptive language creates powerful imagery of pollution ("unnatural soulless shimmering sheen")
- Emotional appeal effectively conveys the devastation of the once-natural environment

Weakness: Overreliance on excessive adjectives → Your vivid descriptions become overwhelming when too many descriptive words are used in succession. Phrases like "unnatural soulless shimmering sheen" and "ethereal chains" create a melodramatic tone that diminishes the factual gravity of the pollution. *The surface of Silverwater Creek glistens with an unnatural sheen of industrial pollutants, rendering it too contaminated for any living creature to thrive.*

### #2 (Second paragraph) Strengths:

- Excellent incorporation of expert testimony and scientific data
- Strong ethos-building through specific statistics and research citations

Weakness: Questionable source credibility → You've attributed expertise to Elon Musk as an "aquatic toxicologist," which undermines your article's credibility as he is widely known as a business magnate, not an environmental scientist. References need to be factually accurate to build trust with readers. *According to Dr. Eleanor Winters, aquatic toxicologist at Northern University who has studied the waterway for over a decade, the contamination represents "among the most severe cases of freshwater pollution documented in the region's history."*

### #3 (Last paragraph) Strengths:

- Compelling call to action with sense of urgency
- Effective use of emotional appeal tied to future generations

Weakness: Lack of concrete solutions → Your conclusion passionately calls for action but doesn't provide specific, actionable steps readers can take. The statement "We will



take action not tomorrow, not tonight, but now" leaves readers wondering exactly what actions they should take. ***We must demand stricter industrial waste regulations, support community cleanup initiatives every first Saturday of the month, and contact our local representatives at 01234-567890 to voice our concerns about Silverwater Creek's future.***

Your feature article demonstrates strong descriptive capabilities and emotional appeal, but needs improvement in factual accuracy and balance. The vivid language effectively conveys the devastation of pollution, helping readers visualize the environmental damage. However, your piece would benefit from more balanced perspectives, including viewpoints from industry representatives alongside environmental advocates. Additionally, the article lacks sufficient context about how the pollution began and what specific industries are responsible. Try incorporating a brief historical timeline of the creek's deterioration to help readers understand the progression of the issue. Also, consider adding more concrete examples of how the pollution directly impacts everyday citizens beyond the health concerns mentioned. Your conclusion would be stronger with specific action steps readers can take rather than general statements about needed change.

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**Overall Score: 43/50**

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## Section 2:

Creek of Despair: How Silverwater Became a River of Ruin

#1 The surface of Silverwater Creek glistens with an unnatural ~~soulless~~ shimmering sheen, full of devastating oils and ~~vexed~~ [toxic] chemicals creating a beautiful tapestry of ~~deceiving~~ [deceptive] looks across the water. ~~Forming~~ [This forms] a grotesque mixture too contaminated for any beloved living thing to thrive. Along its banks, withered reeds stand like skeletons of the lost, their forgotten roots wrapped in ethereal chains as layers of accumulated waste mercilessly plunge those innocent roots to the murky depths of the earth. The once tranquil melodious soundtrack of birds singing their perky songs and running water has been replaced by an eerie silence. Only ~~disturbed~~ [interrupted] by the much too occasional bleak thud of another piece of garbage joining the collection already fermenting below. ~~The stench, a nauseating blend of putrefying chemicals, and festering decay.~~ [The stench, a nauseating blend of putrefying chemicals and festering decay,]



~~Clings~~ [clings] to the air like an invisible shroud, burning nostrils and seeping into clothing long after visitors flee its vile vicinity. Is this really what we want to continue doing? It is our river that has cared for us, it is our river that washed us, it is our river that deserves nourishment.

#2 Laboratory analysis conducted by the International Environmental Organisation reveals that Silverwater Creek contains alarming levels of benzene, trichloroethylene, and polychlorinated biphenyls~~.~~ [,] Industrial chemicals linked to cancer, neurological damage, and birth defects. Dr. Elon Musk, aquatic toxicologist at the ~~northern~~ [Northern] ~~university~~ [University], who has studied the waterway for over a decade, describes the contamination as "among the most severe cases of freshwater pollution I've documented in my 25-year career." ~~Her~~ [His] research team's latest findings, published in the Journal of Environmental Toxicology, indicate that the creek's ecosystem is experiencing what scientists term a "cascading collapse," where each species' disappearance triggers further deterioration. Local physician Dr. Cullen Hugo has reported a 67% increase in respiratory complaints and unusual skin rashes among children living within one kilometre of the creek—data he calls "deeply troubling" and consistent with exposure to industrial pollutants. "We're essentially conducting an uncontrolled chemical experiment with our children as the test subjects," he explained during last month's town council meeting, his voice straining with professional concern.

As the sunset casts long shadows across Silverwater Creek, the contaminated water reflects the fading light in unnatural hues— purples and greens that no natural waterway should display. The chemical cocktail flowing through our community continues its silent journey, seeping ever deeper into soil, spreading further into groundwater, and working its way inexorably into our bodies through the water we drink and the air we breathe. The children of Silverwater Heights grow up never knowing what was stolen from them, the cool embrace of clean water on hot summer days, the wonder of catching tadpoles in cupped hands, the simple joy of skipping stones across a healthy stream. Instead, they inherit a poisoned legacy, their small bodies increasingly bearing the toxic burden of our collective failure to protect what should have been their natural birthright. We stand at a critical juncture where difficult decisions can no longer be postponed. The cost of inaction has already been paid in ecosystem collapse, declining health, and community heartbreak. The path forward—though challenging—is clear: industrial accountability must replace negligence, regulatory oversight must replace wilful blindness, and community determination must replace resignation. Silverwater Creek can be reborn. Cleanup technologies exist. Pollution can be reversed. But these solutions require what has so far been missing: the collective will to demand better stewardship of our precious



natural resources. The question is no longer whether we can save Silverwater Creek, but whether we will choose to save it—and in doing so, save something essential within ourselves. #3 We will take action not tomorrow, not tonight, but now.