**Fable Narrative Sample**

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English Composition I

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Modern Day Bremen Town Musicians

            When a local high school teacher decided it was time to give up her job to a younger

intern, she texted her friends the good news.  This inspired two of them, one a surgeon and one a

UPS driver, to follow in her footsteps and turn in their resignations.  Soon they filled their days

together pursuing hobbies and interests, things that they did not have time for when they worked.

As the days turned into years, the three friends found themselves looking for additional help with

their daily lives and decided it was time to downsize and move.  So when the Bremen Town

Musicians had reached their golden years, they moved to a senior community housing

development where their lives became empty and meaningless, which resulted in increased

hours watching television until they began volunteering at the local children’s hospital and

learned that helping others can bring much joy.

            After all three friends retired, they were enjoying their time swimming at the YWCA,

quilting blankets for their church, and reading more books at the library.  The teacher especially

liked her time reading where she could learn about new things.  The surgeon enjoyed the quilting

the most to keep her hands active and limber.  The UPS driver loved swimming because it helped

his achy back loosen up because  years of driving took its toll on his body.  These three friends

enjoyed retirement and life to its fullest until the day came when they all realized that age had

snuck up on them and it was time to slow down and move into a senior community housing

development.

            At first it was a nice change of pace at their new home as  meals were prepared for them

and their apartments were cleaned by the staff.  Soon the three friends grew tired and restless

though, yearning for something to fill their time and big hearts.  One lonely night after the next

was spent watching hours of local and national news.  When a story about a local teen who had

become sick with a rare disease and needed to visit a treatment center on the other side of the

United States was finished, the surgeon had a wonderful idea: the three of them should

volunteer at the local children’s hospital.  She was actually upset with herself for not thinking of

it sooner.  They did not need to waste away at an old folk’s home; they could still be active

members of society.  All three of them had skills to offer: the teacher could read to sick children

when their parents were not able to be with their kids and the UPS driver would chauffeur the out

of town parents back and forth from the hotel to the hospital.  The surgeon decided she would be

best at taking the time to explain the procedures and tests to the children so they could better

understand what was happening and what to expect during the tests.   All three of the friends

loved this idea and rejoiced in the fact that they would become needed and respected again.

They could not wait until the next day to go to the children’s hospital, so they called that night

after the news was over.  They wanted to start enjoying their golden years right now and living

happily ever after.

            Sometimes life is not everything we wish it to be, but we do have the choice to make it

what we want it to be.  There three friends learned to become contributing members of society

after retiring, and suddenly their lives had purpose again.  They each realized that although they

were not teaching in a classroom, performing surgery to save a life, or delivering the best

Christmas present ever, they were still helping others overcome difficult experiences.  Their self

-worths grew, and they enjoyed life again .

 Good thesis. It provides an overview of the story as it appears in the body paragraphs in addition to the new fable’s moral, which is also summarized in the conclusion.

 Two words that are commonly, but mistakenly used for “because” are “as” and “since,” but there are others such as “being.” If you can replace “as” or another similar substitution with “because” and keep the same meaning, please do so. Remember, “as” means “at the same time,” so if your “as” represents this phrase, you can leave the term as is. Additionally, please note that “since” should be used only when you reference a time in the past: “since yesterday,” “since they began construction,” etc. Therefore, please make these changes where applicable.

IMPORTANT: If you have a comma before any of these terms, no matter the meaning, please omit the comma. A comma should never precede an “as,” “because,” or similar clause.

 Remember to apply any grader feedback to all instances throughout the essay.

 Good use of events that exemplify the essay’s moral.

 Good conclusion that summarizes the major events in the story and explains the moral.

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