First Paragraph: Theme

TOPIC SENTENCE(s): It would be nice if the world were a better place. In it’s current state the world is full of selfish, lazy and unhappy people.

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| Supporting sentence  In the poem “Wishing”, Ella Wilcox explains that she wishes the world were better because of people’s actions. In stanza 1, line 5 Wilcox states, “rid your mind of selfish motives.” | Supporting sentence  Second, Wilcox states that she wishes the world were wiser. She states, “live to learn, and learn to live. You have to gain knowledge to give knowledge. |
| Supporting sentence  Third, Wilcox wishes the world were happy. She states that we can, “scatter seeds of kindness.” One person’s kindness can change the world. | Summary sentence  Wishing is a poem about trying to make the world a better place. We can make it better with our actions, seeking knowledge and being kind to one another. |

Second Paragraph: Literary Devices

TOPIC SENTENCE(s): In the poem “Wishing,” the author uses a lot of metaphors.

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| Supporting sentence  In the poem “Wishing”, Ella Wilcox explains in stanza 1 line 3 to “set a watch upon your actions.” This is a metaphor that explains that you should always act in the right way, no matter what. | Supporting sentence  Second, Wilcox states in stanza 2, “to accumulate wisdom in the scrapbook of your heart”. This metaphor describes keeping a memory of our knowledge in our heart will help us acquire knowledge. |
| Supporting sentence  Third, Wilcox states in stanza 3, “just to scatter seeds of kindness.” This metaphor compares the growing of a seed to the growing of kindness. | Summary sentence  Wishing is a poem that uses metaphors to compare unrelated things to ways to make the world a better place. The poem uses comparisons of a watch, a seed, and a scrapbook. These metaphors help us to see a deeper message in her poem. |