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Assessment 28A: Focusing Question Task 3

Purpose: This task will give you a chance to show your understanding of themes in *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech. Doing this task will also help you prepare for the End-of-Module Task, which you will complete when we finish our study of great heart.

Introduction: We have been reading *Love That Dog* and learning how the main character, Jack, changes from the beginning to the end of the school year. We have also discussed themes in Jack's poetry and in the book as a whole.

Task: For an audience who has read and studied the book *Love That Dog* as you have, write an informative paragraph in which you identify one theme of *Love That Dog* and explain how the author develops this theme by showing a change in Jack from the beginning to the end of the school year.

Develop your ideas with evidence and examples from *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech.

Checklist for Success

Your paragraph should include the following:

- ___ An introduction that provides context.
- ___ A focus statement that states the big idea, a theme of *Love That Dog*.
- ___ A supporting point that describes a change in Jack that relates to the theme.
- ___ Evidence from the text that shows the change in Jack.
- ___ Elaboration on how the evidence connects to the theme.
- ___ A concluding statement that connects back to the big idea, the theme of *Love That Dog* and how Jack changes.
- ___ A pair of adjectives, ordered correctly.
- ___ Correct capitalization and punctuation. (Be sure to punctuate quotations correctly!)