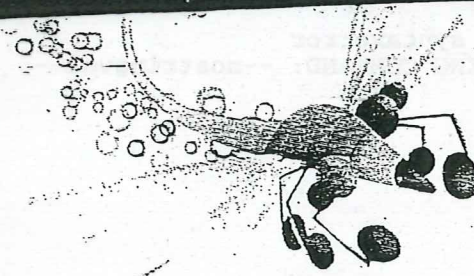


## Help Make History

Sometimes at recess, I stand by the mural wall. I like the people painted there. One girl is my favorite because my mom painted her 20 years ago. Now, the old mural has to go. The paint is all faded and flaking off. Jones Elementary is having a new mural contest, and every student should get involved.

The first reason kids should help out is that the mural represents Jones Elementary. Students will decide what kind of picture they want. Then they can draw pictures and enter them in the contest. The artist hired by the school will choose pictures that tell the city something about us.

Also, kids need to help because the new mural is going to take a lot of work. The artist can't do it all alone. She needs a whole crew of kids to help paint the new mural. Some kids can help during recess. Other kids can help on



Saturdays. If we all help, the mural will get done quickly.

The most important reason to get involved is that this mural is going to be around for 20 years. When we are grown up, we will want to point to the wall and tell which parts we painted. As Mom says, "The mural is part of our history and part of our future."

The mural wall is important to everybody at Jones Elementary, so everybody should help with the mural contest. Start dreaming of a new mural, draw your best ideas, and send them in. Then get ready to put on a painting shirt, grab a paintbrush, and help make history!

Respond to the reading. On your own paper, answer the following questions about the sample essay.