

**Grade 6**  
**SD60 Writing Samples**  
**Personal Writing**

- **The numbers are the result of 2 markers (1-4 scale x 2)**
- **+ positive comments on the work**
- **- something students can work on**
- **the circles on the performance standards show where both markers scored the work**

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+ you made connections to your own life  
 - include a thesis statement that outlines your 3 points

## Giving Away One Million Dollars Grade 6 Student

In today's world, many people are suffering from many different lacks of needs. Being privileged to give away a million dollars, which is a lot of money, I would be glad, and willing to support many charities around the world. Some of my choices, I feel are the right ones, and would need the most funding. Out of all these choices one of the most important and caring one, would be sending it to World Vision.

Many people do not know what World Vision is, or what it does. To me World Vision is a non-profit organization that helps people around the world that live in extreme unhappiness or poverty, much unlike us. People that live in such conditions, I think are the ones that deserve my money the most. After all living in such unhealthiness and an unhappy world, should be put to an end, so that is one of my strongest reasons why I would support World Vision all the way. Residents of Canada are well off beings, unlike people in developing countries in Africa, knowing how they live my money being one million dollars would bring them thing that they have only hoped for. Good food, and clean water are just one of the many things that these poor people are deprived of. To give this organization a million dollars, and to make a child like me live a happy day, smiling, I would be honored and feel very blissful about it.

According to my prior knowledge and knowing many other different people that also suffer, in their normal lives, I could definitely say that World Vision is not the only organization I would support. Even in my family I have a relative suffering. But unlike people in Africa she is not starving from lack of food or health, she is hurt by diabetes. I would give anything, even a million dollars, to help so that once again, like all of my other family she can join us and go camping, eat what she wants to and being able to forget all the bad things that have happened to her. Since few people in my family have it, is isn't such a big threat, but people out there in this

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world are suffering everyday from it, and to put an end to their misery and find a cure would be so joyous to me, that I would celebrate. Diabetes is such a threatening disease, that it gives me shivers when I think or talk about it. People that have it usually can lead a normal life, but they are limited to what they eat and do, because of their body's lack to produce and handle sugars. If I supported the Diabetes Association with my 1 million dollars, it would help researchers carry out experiments, and some day hopefully find a cure. I feel that if a cure was found for diabetes, would it help others around me, but it would help my Grandma, so one day soon he could come out and enjoy the sunshine with us.

Every Organization like the Diabetes, or World Vision have a purpose, a dream of fulfilling a goal, but one of the places where I want to send my money does not, or has very little hope. In dark, gloomy Iraq sits, one of the most miserable places on earth. Here people are constantly fighting and arguing over conflict between both religious and daily life issues. Sending my money here would help, the poor Iraqis prisoners that might have deserved what they got, but at least it would give them food and shelter. One of the many things that Iraq needs most, is peace, my one million dollars would go to sending Peacekeepers in to, hopefully some day soon stop the conflict, and establish a democratic government between each of the religious groups. Citizens in Iraq have it very hard these days, from the day that the war on terrorism started to now. People are constantly going with out water and proper food, and not only that but crossfire have been starting up in religious towns or cities. Residents that go to work and fear that their business might be blown up by a bomb, should stop worrying because, my money will go to Iraq and clear the darkness, and unhappiness that has clouded that country for many years. No matter what my money goes for, it will help the Iraqis and will optimistically create peace and

love. If people lived happily in Iraq, under a democratic government, there would be no need for this war, and that is why I feel that all my 1 million dollars should go support them.

Iraq, Diabetes and World Vision, all have one thing in common: people suffer constantly and everyday are fearing when or where they are going to die. People like my Grandma that have diabetes, should one day be able to live a normal life like everyone else. Iraqis that constantly live in fear because of the war should not have to live in fear. People that live in poverty in Africa and other countries should not have to suffer from malnutrition, or lack of clean drinking water. No matter where my money goes to, I feel resiliently that my money will goes where it counts and provide people with happiness and love.

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+ well organized, good connections

- good risks with vocabulary - just check to make sure it is the word you want

## **If I Could Give Away A Million Dollars.....**

If I could give away a million dollars I would make sure it was spent well. I wouldn't give it to fake organizations or ones that don't relate to me. There are many organizations and people in my life that could use the money. Just for example the Rotary Club, they are sending computers to South Africa so they can have the technology as well as us. Above all I would give the money to my grandparents, my parents and the B.C Children's Hospital.

Four hundred thousand dollars of the one million would go to my Grandparents. All four of my grandparents are still alive. I think they deserve the money. They have given so much and all they have gotten in return is love. Love is the greatest thing but it can't pay bills. As people get older they tend to have more medical bills and need the money to pay them. Throughout my life they have helped my family and I. If it weren't for them then I wouldn't have my marvelous house. Without them life would be lonesome. They defiantly deserve \$400 000.

My parents also deserve \$400 000. They have raised me and did so much throughout my life. We all just take it for granted, the money, the toys. How would you like to be without a home, without the toys we know best? They have given me money and they defiantly deserve to have the money. Four hundred thousand dollars is theirs.

The rest of the money should go to B.C Children's Hospital. They were so kind while I was having my surgeries. A few years ago I couldn't walk without pain; now I can. The doctors, surgeons, and nurses made it possible. Along my side the entire way was the care to which helped in my recovery. Since my surgeries I feel as if I need to

repay them. Donating money would brighten other's future. With the money a life may be saved. The children's hospital deserves this. The money is theirs.

Many people in my life could use this money but I think my 3 choices deserve it best. My money would help them get along. With out my parents, grandparents and the Children's Hospital I wouldn't be where I am today. If only I had one million dollars to give away!





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+ interesting idea to start with 3rd choice  
- put your conclusion into a paragraph

if I could give away a million dollars

I think that it would extremely hard for me to give away one million dollars; since it's already hard for me to give away ten dollars. I would only give away one million dollars if I had around four or five million dollars. It would be a lot easier for me to give it away if I gave it to somebody who truly needed it like a charity or a hospital or somebody I wanted to give it to. I think that I would give it away in the end; here are my top three choices.

My third choice would be to give the money to the Calgary Flames hockey club. One reason that I would give it to them is because if they don't win the Stanley Cup it is likely that they would have to be sold, and I do not want them to be sold because they are my favorite team and because there are only five remaining Canadian teams. Another reason is that they are the team with the lowest pay roll in the entire NHL, and they beat out the highest paid team in the NHL so I think that they deserve more money.

My number two choice would be to give it to a hospital. I would give it to a hospital because they would be able to get new equipment, and I think that they should get equipment for free because people's lives could be on the line. With that new equipment they could be able to find a cure for bad diseases like Sars or the West Nile Virus. One more important reason is that if someone I knew ever had to go to the hospital because they were hurt I would want to make sure they don't die.

My number one choice of who to give the money to would have to be a homeless shelter. I would give it to them because they really need it more than anybody else because if they ever got sick or hurt they most likely wouldn't be able to afford a hospital and they would probably die in

the streets. I think that it would really make me feel good and proud inside to give it to them because I would know that I was actually helping someone who needs it. I also think that they deserve it (if they haven't stole) because they would not take anything for granted and they would spend every penny wisely. Those are my top three choices to give the money to like I said it would be hard but in the end I would do it.

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+ personal connections and humour  
- introduction could be put into a paragraph

## Time Capsule

If my class ever did a time capsule a little bigger than a backpack to be opened in fifty years, I would put in these sorts of things.

I would put in a CD because in fifty years, they will probably have gotten smaller and better. The people of the future would probably be fairly interested in how they were and the type of music we listen to nowadays. I think that the Cds of the future would be smaller because the old records used to be huge and now we have CDs that are way smaller.

Another thing I would put in the time capsule would be a laptop. I would put in a laptop because in the future, they might have laptops built into their desks. Until two years ago we didn't have laptops and we had to handwrite all of our stories and stuff. We still have to write quite a bit but in the future, they would probably use computers for everything and the computers would be more evolved.

Because in the future they would probably use laptops for every thing, they would no longer use pencils. In that case, I would put in a pencil. Pencils are widely and commonly used nowadays but may not be

used in the future. If the people of the future didn't know what a pencil was and then they saw them, they might start using them again or they would be wondering what it was and what it was for. That would be so cool.

In fifty years when they finally opened it up again, I would still be alive and I would be able to tell everybody what the things were and what they did. By that time in the future there would probably be flying cars and stuff. I can't wait until the future comes!!!

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## Money to Charity

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The first charity I would give money to would be the Children's Hospital. I would give the Children's hospital ten thousand dollars to go toward equipment. As well as any other things the hospital needed. Many families have children that need medical attention but they cannot afford it. Some of my charity money for the hospital would go toward the children who couldn't afford the health care they needed.

The second group I would give money to would be the Children in Africa. I chose to give ten thousand dollars to the Children in Africa because children at young ages children are dying of hunger or



diseases. The Children in Africa start working when they are young just to make enough money to get food. In Canada and other places around the world are lucky to have health care that almost everybody can afford. In Africa people are not so lucky. Hardly anybody in Africa gets the health care they need. So if I would give money to the Children in Africa I would want it to go toward getting better health care for the people, food for children who's family can't afford it or for orphans and cleaner water for all the people in Africa.

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I think that these two groups deserve money because I believe that what they are doing will change the world one day if they get the money. That is why if I had a million dollars to give to charity I would give it to the Children's Hospital and the Children in Africa.

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# Million

June 3, 2004

## *What I Would Give A Million Dollars To If I Could!!!*

In this essay I will be writing about what I would do if I had a million dollars to give away. I will also be writing about why I would do this. Then I shall sum it all up in a conclusion.

To start with if I had a million dollars I would use some of it to build a homeless shelter. Any homeless people that need help getting their life back together my workers and I would help. We would give them a bed and things like that. In the homeless shelter I would have showers and shampoo for them to use. There would also be a soup kitchen attached to it along with a thrift store like thing but they could just have things for free. At the soup kitchen we would feed them every meal and a snack. At the give away thrift store there would also be a laundry room were volunteers would do their laundry for them, or they could do there own. The homeless people could take a new pair of clothes, a pair of shoes, and two other items a week.

I would give 50% of the million to make this homeless shelter because once when I was in Vancouver I saw some homeless people on the street I wanted to put some money in the jar they had but my mom wouldn't give me any money, because we had pretty much spent all the money we had to go on that trip. So after that I always dreamed about being able to help the homeless. And that would be my reason for doing that.

After I built and stalked the homeless shelter I would give 25% of the left over money to the 30 hour famine organization so that they could give it to people that aren't doing well, and are sick and about to die. Hopefully I would be able to help those people and save a few lives. And maybe they could buy some bibles too, so that they could learn about God. The third world countries for some reason just don't seem to be as healthy as we are. Then they could have some food and hopefully medicines so they aren't so sick. Maybe they could also get some plants and animals so that they could grow their own food and the animals would have babies so they could have some meat to eat too.

I would give money away to this because it always makes me so sad when those commercials come on and it shows all those skinny kids that look so sick like they are about to die (which is probably true). All of the little kids have flies crawling all over them and up their noses. It would be so nice if one day I could really give lots of money to kids that are like that.

The last 25% of the money I would give to the S.P.C.A. as my third organization I would give money to, and it would help some of the animals that are sick so that they would look so much healthier so that an owner would want to buy them. I would also buy all sorts of animal foods and send along with the rest of the money just so I know that all of the animals will get something to eat.

I would do this because I love animals so much and I hate to hear about so many animals being put down because nobody wanted them. And I also don't like reading about them not getting fed and starving to death.

So I would put 50% of the million towards a homeless shelter/soup kitchen/thrift store/laundry mat. I would give 25% to 30hour famine. And I would give the last 25% to the S.P.C.A. In real life I would love to have a million dollars to give away. It would make me so happy to see the smiles on homeless people, on sick people, and on animals (if they can). Thank-You for reading this essay.

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## If I had a million dollars

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Where my money would end up would be in a charity in Africa, a hospital, and a schoolhouse in Africa. I'd give 500,000\$ to poor people in Africa, 250,000\$ to one hospital, and 250,000\$ to a schoolhouse. The Reason is because people who are poor shouldn't suffer the way they do because it is not fair because we take things for granted such as school. Most people think its pretty dumb but in Africa they can't afford school therefore they can't learn. Or when we go to a hospital and have surgery we're lucky because our hospitals have the money to do such things but in Africa it's pretty much an amputation or maybe even death because the things needed to save your life were not available because they had no money.

Here in Canada most of us aren't very poor so people shouldn't take things for granted like we do and donate what you can to others. If you think about it, wouldn't it be horrible for you to live in a place where hospitals can't afford supplies for you.

So when you have a few spare dollars in your pocket and going to buy a chocolate bar, think of the people who need the money more than you and donate it. If you go to church think about putting a little 20\$ into charity once every little while because a little money helps a whole lot.

In Africa it's hard for a person to even buy a single shoe but here most of us have piles of shoes, they live in small little buildings made with wood and clay while we live in big houses built of cement.

Another good thing is even if you did give money and wanted to do more than that and help more you could get a job to help people suffering in Africa.

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If I could give away 1million dollars I would give it to my best friends. My best friends are Kaeleigh and Byron. Kaeleigh could use the money to fix up her house and feed her family so they would never go hungry, and Kaeleigh would be able to full fill her dreams in becoming a great singer. Byron on the other hand could use the money so he could get a good education, never quit school, and finish his dream as well. Even though I don't know what that is. If they had extra money left over they could use it to buy stuff they could use in the house or outside.

The next lucky people that I would give 1 million dollars to are my grand parents, on both sides of the family. On my dad's side my grand parents would probably use the money to fix their deck, sell it a by a smaller house and work on it. These grand parents would buy a small house on a ranch and work, so they might live longer. On the other side of my family, which is my mom's side, they would use it to buy a house, because they live in an apartment. This house that I think they will buy is a small but big enough to have a guest or a family sleep there. Then they would use the rest of money by putting this in their savings account. Then when they are happy they would use that money to full fill their dreams as well. Hopefully they will be able to do this before they both die. If not the money would come back to use and we would use it to do what we would like to do.

The last people that I would give 1 million dollars to is the hospital, because they could use the money to get more equipment to help the sick, or injured. If they did this they could also use it to find a way to heal a new kind of sickness that they discover. For example: Like a way to cure cancer. That was done by tarry fox run around to help raise money so people could cure cancer, and that is just what he did.

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A million dollars wow! What can I do with it? Oh I know. The first place I would give it to would be the salvation army because I think that they really need it. They always have people going and getting stuff from there. I think that they need the money so they can get more thing to help other people. They could get clothes for other people who need them. They could buy more food to give to the poor.

The second place I would give a million dollars to is the unicef. I would give it to the unicef because it would really help them a lot with raising the money for the sick children. I think that it would help out lots. I would do the poor really good and they would have a roof to sleep under. They would have food to eat. It would really help out the poor. I think that I would help the poor families be more happier and they would feel like a family.

The third place I would give it to would be the children hospital. I think that it would help them find a new cure to help sick children be better. It would help them to get more people to help in they hospital. It would help them make a bigger place to kept the sick children. The sick children will get better and then they could be with there family. Instead of being alone in the hospitals over night they can be I there warm cuddly bed with there parents.

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If I could give way a million dollars I would give it to my mom because she has to go shopping every four or five days. She has to take care of my brother and sister and still take care of her self and her boyfriend. She also has to pay her rent, bills, gas for their car and their car license.

If I had a million dollars I'd give it to my one of my old teachers which is ms. R because she was the best teacher I have ever had. Ms. R always helped when I needed it like in math she would help me get the answer. And she would give you candy if you wrote in your agenda and get it signed by your parent.

If I could give away a million dollars I would give it to my friend D because he is a nice friend and easy to make him laugh and he makes me laugh. I like Dwight because he doesn't get hard to get along with and he is fun to play with and he doesn't like to do bad things but in school he fools around and gets in trouble a little bit.

I hope you liked my If I could give away a million Dollars story and I liked doing this activity with my class.

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This is about what would you do with a million dollars that you cannot spend. I would spend it on: 1 the city of Pouce Coupee. I think that they should get some of the money so they can get a bigger better city. Make more houses and stores. 2 I would give some money to the poor people so they can get the things that they need like food, clothes a house of course! And the things they want like dolls toy's, pretty things.

And 3 I'd give money to the Hockey Organisation that way they could make new hockey rinks so more people can play at the same time. And those are the places and people that I would give money to. No less than a million dollars



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If I had a million dollars to give away I would give 500,000 to my mom and dad because there cool and they bought me so much stuff so I would want pay them back. And then I would give 300,000 to my big sister Erin and her boyfriend James to share because there cool and they take me to movies they take me paint balling and I would want Erin to buy her own car and stuff and I would give my big brother 200,000 because he always sticks up for me and I would want to give him money because he helps me out a lot. And I would want my big sister to have lots because I would want to help her get her own house or apartment and I would want my mom and dad to have lots because *they have spent so much on me and I would want them to be happy.*

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## ONLY 3 WISHES

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Wish number 2. Is the power of invisibility so I could go wherever I want. <sup>3</sup>A positive thing is I could make money from it and a negative thing people might want to kill me.

Wish number 3. <sup>4</sup>Is happiness for the rest of my life so I could enjoy my life, a positive thing is I could be happy and a negative thing is (There is no negative)