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A Day In My Life In The \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_

The city of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ is important to many people. It is one of the largest cities in the world. It has everything \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ you may want. I love Chicago. From my earliest memories , Chicago has played an important part of my life. I have had serious things like surgery there. That was not all that fun. Some of my best memories have also been there. No matter where my life takes me I know Chicago will always be in \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

Getting around Chicago can be a daunting experience. Traffic in a city that large is challenging at best. Commuters have to drive defensively in order to get safely to their destination. Add in road construction and it is a miracle that anyone arrives on time, anywhere. Getting around Chicago becomes even more challenging if you are in a wheelchair. Some people take mass transit like the Metra into the city. The trains are wheelchair accessible, however not all cabs can accommodate a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_. There are special needs transportation services, but they take advance planning. Most of the time when I go to the city my parents drive me. Finding accessible

parking can sometimes be a challenge. Some of the streets are narrow and if there is any sidewalk construction going on, it is almost impossible to get around it. Most new buildings have an accessible entrance. At museums, sporting venues, or concert halls, the accessible entrance may be on the other side of the building. When I went to Chicago on field trips, I sometimes had to be dropped off in a different location from the rest of my class. Not knowing where exactly to go , I sometimes got to view other parts of a building that my classmates would not be able to see. I have been on quite a few service elevators. That is not at all a point of envy. Historical buildings that have not been renovated are not required to be wheelchair accessible. Fortunately I have had my family help me fill in the gaps and help me access those buildings. There are people that live and go to school in the city of Chicago that are in wheelchairs. It can be done. It takes advance planning. Like anything in life there are challenges. One of my challenges is mobility. I love Chicago so it is worth meeting that challenge.

On April 28th , \_\_\_\_\_ I went to Chicago. It was my mother's birthday and my family surprised her with tickets for everyone to see Wicked. This was my first chance to see a Broadway style show. It was at The Cadillac Theater. My aunt and uncle came into town from southern Illinois. One of my brothers came home from college with his girlfriend. All in all there were nine people who went to see the musical. The seat were amazing. Fortunately

we had very good seats. The theater was packed , every seat was filled. We went to an evening performance. The set was phenomenal, the costumes were surreal. The story is based on a novel by Gregory Maguire and the story of The Wizard Of Oz by L. Frank Baum. It tells the tale of how the wicked witch came to be â??wickedâ??. Almost everyone has seen the Wizard of Oz on television. We all know Dorothy , The Scarecrow , The Tin Man , and The Cowardly Lion. Wicked gives you the back-story on how everything was formed. The best part of Wicked is the music. The music was composed by Stephen Schwartz. The original production received three Tony Awards and one Grammy Award. My brother and I have both been in choir. We have both been lucky enough to be part of musicals in school. It was such a treat to see such an acclaimed group of actors perform such wonderful material. Even the choreography was outstanding. From the second the curtain rose , we were overwhelmed with magnificent sights and sounds. We are lucky to be near a city like Chicago , that is large enough to support variety of theaters. There have been many outstanding plays that are Broadway hits. Some are previewed in Chicago prior to going on Broadway. I feel very lucky to be able to see a play. I feel especially lucky to be able to have seen Wicked. I Love Chicago.

Of all of my memories of Chicago, the one I will consider the greatest might be on August 1st 2011. It was on that day that I was able to see one of my idols in concert, Sir Paul McCartney. For as long as I can remember I have been a die-hard Beatles fan. I have all of the Beatles memorabilia that I can possibly collect. I have all of the

Cd's, quite a few books, several pictures, and even a replica of John Lennon's Rickenbacker 325 guitar. I have seen two Beatle cover bands, \_\_\_\_\_ Noun and American English. I have been to a John Lennon art show. None of that compares to seeing Sir Paul McCartney in concert. My parents were able to get tickets at Wrigley Field , because I was such a big fan. We were lucky enough to get very good seats. I had a great view of the stage. It was an extremely warm evening. The people at Wrigley Field could not have been nicer. They helped us to our seats and added to the enjoyment of the evening. The crowd of people in attendance was all ages. The ages ranges from young children to grandparents. We were all united by the fact that we were fans. On each side of the stage there were giant screens that constantly scrolled a montage of pictures of Paul from the time he was a teenager till now. That in itself was a treat. Nothing will compare when you see Paul McCartney, a sixty-nine year old who played for \_\_\_\_\_ Number hours straight with no breaks. His voice was incredible, his band was outstanding, the night was unforgettable. He played a set that included 39 hits. There were songs from his Beatle days , his days with Wings, and his solo career . He paid \_\_\_\_\_ Noun to both John Lennon and George Harrison. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun night. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun come true to see Sir Paul McCartney. I \_\_\_\_\_ Noun Chicago.

The research I did was small but it did help what I wrote. I \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ such a Beatles fan and I do  
\_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of there information , but I wanted to recheck my facts just so I know the right information.  
With Wicked I wanted to see who wrote the music and who wrote the whole story of Wicked. The one thing that  
I \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ say I gained from this writing assignment would be that I realized what those events and what  
Chicago actually means to me. Chicago \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ be called the windy city. So I guess that the Windy City is  
a memorable place for me and many others.