

RAFT SAMPLE

Role: Piece of recycled paper

Audience: Yourself

Format: Diary Entry

Topic: Describe how you were remade from old newspapers

Dear Diary;

01/01/2011

I finally decided to go in for a face lift. I was no longer looking as crisp and clean as the day I was born. You know, it is painful to see all the new younger pieces of paper, with their straight edges and flat surfaces. My edges have become ragged and I am not as flat as I once was.

The process was not as difficult as I thought. If I had known how easy it was, I would have recycled myself ages ago. First, I was torn into shreds and dumped in a bucket to soak overnight. The water was quite refreshing. Next, my pulp was scooped out and placed on a drywall patch. This allowed the remaining water to drip back into the bucket. Last, I was sponged off, to soak up any remaining water. It certainly was relaxing to lay around and dry up. When I was almost dry, I was moved to a piece of wax paper, where I lay for a few more hours. When I was completely dry, I was free to go. These days I just sit around and wait to be used as gift wrap, note paper, or even to be bleached and reprinted into a newspaper.

That was all that it took! My new color is a grayish tint, as opposed to the off white, with newsprint. I couldn't be happier. Now all of the newer pieces of paper can't wait to have their chance to be recycled. What a disappointment that some paper will never be recycled. It is terrible to think of so much waste. I hope I will be recycled many times, rather than being sent to the landfill.

Until next time,

Recycled Randy