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Due Date:

Topic: **When I'm Forty**

Skill: **Future tense; helping verbs**

Topic Description

Some people think you're over the hill when you turn 40. What do you think your life will be like when you hit the big four oh? Where will you have gone to college? Where will you live? Will you have children? Will you have a career? What will your house be like? What will you do in your free time? Will you join organizations or community groups? Will you help others?

Write a paragraph about what your life will be like when you're 40. It should be as realistic as possible, and not just a wish list of material possessions or impossible dreams. This paragraph should reveal what you really value and want to work to achieve.

Skill Description

Future tense is writing as if something will happen; it hasn't happened yet and it isn't happening now.

When writing in future tense, use helping verbs before the main verb.

Examples of helping verbs: *will, shall, will have, shall have*

Examples of future tense phrases: *will enjoy, will have gone, will be living*

| ME Book Rubric | | |
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| Me | Teacher | Objective |
| | | Used future tense to realistically describe your life at (3 pts) |
| | | Proofread for spelling, grammar, and punctuation (2 pts) |
| | | Content is appropriate |
| | | Includes a title, border, and picture |
| | | Includes your name on front and back |
| | | Mounted on colored construction paper |
| | | Handed in on time clipped to this assignment sheet |
| | | Total Points |