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Given Language Writing Practice

Directions:

1. Closely read the excerpt one time.
2. Identify, highlight, and label the following writing techniques:
 - a. verb tense consistency
 - b. parallel structure
 - c. prepositional phrase to start a sentence
 - d. commas in a series
 - e. comma with a coordinating conjunction

From *The Women Who Made Me* by Donna Marganella

From Aunt Anna, I received the gifts of dignity, pride, and self-containment. I learned that I could make a statement without speaking. She taught me that some feelings are private and wearing them on your sleeve minimizes them. I realized that Aunt Anna's reserve was a form of self-preservation, a way of holding on to herself to keep from breaking apart. For me, that was a hard lesson to learn, but eventually I learned when and how to emulate her strength and self-control.

On a separate sheet of paper, write about a person who has influenced you. Use the pattern below as a guide. It is important to keep the sentence structures provided.

From _____, I received the gifts of _____, _____, and _____. I learned that I could _____. He/She taught me that _____. I realized _____. For me, that was _____, but eventually I learned/realized _____.