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Grade 5  
Conventions

Sample Student Responses  
(from 1 released task)

# Anchor Set

## A1 – A4

No Annotations Included

The Peace Corps is an organization where people travel all over the world to help other countries. Peace Corps volunteers can remain volunteers for up to two years. Most of the volunteers say they loved being part of the Peace Corps and they learned a lot. In the article *The Peace Corps Journey* by Jennifer Borgen, it talks about how some Peace Corps volunteers teach children our age how to read and write in English. It also says how some other volunteers teach groups of women how to sell their handmade crafts through the internet.

Others also show areas how to start recycling centers. Besides just those, there are many different projects that Peace Corps volunteers work on. All of their many projects take training, hard work and effort, and quite a bit of learning on everyone's part. If every volunteer has this, then they will be successful in the Peace Corps.

It sounds like a bunch of hard work and boredom, but it's much more than that. Many former volunteers say they want to go back. You learn a lot as a volunteer. In the video *A Call to Peace*, it talks about how all of the hard times, the sad times, happy times, frustrating times, and everything else all made you a better person and gave you some amazing memories. Based on *The Peace Corps Journey*, being a Peace Corps volunteer helps you gain many friends. The friends you gain as a volunteer aren't just friends you'll have during the Peace Corps, they are friends you will keep forever.

Basically, those are some reasons to volunteer for the Peace Corps. It is a good experience for yourself and also helps others. When you are old enough, maybe you can think about joining the Peace Corps.

Remember, the Peace Corps is about helping others, making friends, and effort. Thanks for reading!

**Score**

**Anchor Paper 1**

**Score Point 3**

## CONV Score Point 2

In the video and the two articles they talk about people being in the peace corps groups. They also help people around the world understand about different cultures and how they speak. Also, about what people in the different cultures eat and do.

The video and the two articles talked about John F. Kennedy making a speech about The Peace Corps. In John F. Kennedy's speech he said he challenged the students to give two years of their lives to help people in countries of the developing world.

Also, he said "I want to express my thanks to you, as a graduate of the Michigan of the East, Harvard University.

In the article The Peace Corps Journey the "call to action" was they helped farmers grow crops, worked with small businesses to sell their products, and shown parents how to keep their babies healthy. Another "call to action" thing they did was help schools develop computer skills and educated entire communities about HIV/AIDS.

In the article Remarks Of Senator John F. Kennedy the "call of action" was this University is not maintained by its alumni, or by the state, merely to help its graduates have an economic advantage in the life struggle.

In the video A Call To Peace the "call of action" was 50 years ago the peace corp was created. Over more than 200,000 of America's best people to more than 300,000 people around the world became a part of The Peace Corp Groups.

So that is what the two articles and the video's "call of action" was their all kind of alike because, they all talk about The Peace Corps Journey came together and how and what they do today to help people in different cultures understand other cultures better.

I think this is a very good thing to do for people in different cultures especially kids because, they can make friends in different cultures and learn how to speak their language.

**Score**

**Anchor Paper 2**

**Score Point 2**

## CONV Score Point 1

There are many ways to describe how many contributions of peace corps volunteers reflect the "call to action" in Kennedy's speech. First, in the article The Peace Corps Journey by Jennifer Borgen it states in the fifth paragraph, "Since Peace Corps was created, more than 171,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in 137 different countries. " In A Call To Peace it states that Kennedy wanted to have over 10,000 Peace Corps volunteers. To conclude this in some reasons that I say this.

**Score**

**Anchor Paper 3**

**Score Point 1**



the was to bring peace. what ther trying to is try to get with the naved americans so we don't have world war again and all the states

**Score**

**Anchor Paper 4**

**Score Point 0**