

The Joys of an Old Car
Cause-Effect Essay

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- Second Supporting Paragraph
 - Implicit topic sentence
 - Too many irrelevant contents
 - Talk more about her own car

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- Conclusive Paragraph
 - Metaphor
 - But draw it out more
 - How is the car like comfortable old clothes?

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 - Shiny red year-old leftover, for a mere \$4,200 then, but it is *4 times* cost now
 - Save money on insurance for being not worthwhile
 - Only *three* major repairs in the last several years
 - Good gas mileage: *28 miles/gal* in city and *41 miles/gal* on highway

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 - A Toyota that passes the *20,000-mile mark* with no problems will probably go on forever
 - When Boss got stuck with *brand-new BMW* in the *worst snowstorm*, I sauntered into work on time
 - The single time Toyota didn't start was a final exam day
 - Body of an old car, the engine of a teenager

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 - Like a well-worn glove
 - Know to the *millimeter* exactly how much room when turning a corner or back into a curbside parking space
 - Gas “empty” means *1.3 gallons* are still in reserve
 - Front wheels invariably shake when going more than *55miles/h*
 - The only surprises come from other drivers

Thanks for your time!