Monkey’s paw journal assignment

Part 1:

1. Write in a journal on the following topic for 10-15 minutes. (try to get minimum ½ page- will need to use this for an assignment later)

Topic-

* You have found a magic lamp and when you polish it a magic genie comes out and grants you three wishes.
* There are a few rules though.
  + You can’t wish for more wishes (or anything similar to that).
  + You also can’t wish for harm to come to anyone.
  + Lastly, your wishes must be school appropriate. (nothing your parents would disapprove of- ie drugs/alcohol etc.)
  + Other than that, though, you can wish for anything you want.
  + Write down the three things you would wish for and why you would wish for them.
  + Describe how having those wishes granted would make your life better.

1. After you write this in a journal read the story “The Monkey’s Paw” from Imagine on pg. 163.
2. After reading the story, go back to your journal and grant your wishes as if they had used the Monkey’s paw. (in other words throw a twist into it)
3. You can choose to only grant one wish, but you must describe in detail how it would make your life different and if you would regret having made the wish(es).

Part 2:

1. Choose or create 1 wish that can be shared at random with someone else. Write it on a separate piece of paper. Put something unique on the paper to be able to identify it after. Give it to your teacher.
2. Pick one of your own wishes, or the one you created.
3. Answer each wish as if you were the monkey’s paw. Describe how it comes true in full sentences. They way it happens should seem like it could have happened naturally. (ie. Accidental or natural causes) (answer your wishes on your paper and the other persons on theirs)
4. Answer each wish as if you were a reformed genie, who decided they were tired of wrecking other peoples lives.
5. Challenge- Create a wish the Monkeys paw can’t make bad.