You will read the beginning of the story Adventure on a Hot Air Balloon. Then you will finish the story from where it left off. Be sure to include all the elements of a good narrative story.

*(Standards: W5.3a, W5.3b, W5.3c, W5.3d, W5.3e, W5.9a)*

Adventure on a Hot Air Balloon

The wind is starting to blow stronger, when Keith is riding in a basket under a hot air

balloon, just 400 feet above ground, that’s not necessarily a good thing. Keith Rodriguez looks

to the horizon and squints. He had planned to take off from Scioto Downs, a horse racetrack

south of Columbus, Ohio, fly a few miles north, and land his balloon in a barren cornfield next

to his pickup truck.

Then the wind changed. Instead of a light breeze from the south, now Rodriguez’s bright

red balloon is getting hit by stronger, colder winds headed west. He has plenty of propane fuel

in his tank—he probably could ride the wind halfway to Pennsylvania. But that would be

dangerous. Rodriguez’s choice of landing sites just became very limited. As the balloon

switches direction and floats east, everything below becomes a wide carpet of suburban

sprawl—big-box stores, major highways, and strip malls. Beyond the stores lie forests.

The only factor in Rodriguez’s favor is that it’s early, just after 7 a.m. The highways are

filling up with people driving to work, but otherwise the morning is quiet and still.

“Oh boy,” Rodriguez thinks. “If I don’t land, like now, this could get bad.”

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