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Narrative Essay

Shake, Rattle, and Roll

One evening on October 17, 1989 my grandmother was getting ready to watch the baseball game on TV. It was the third game in the world series between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's. Everyone was rooting for the Giants to win. My grandmother was seven months pregnant with her seventh child. It was a boy and her last child. Most of her kids were outside playing in the yard while the younger ones were inside playing. My grandmother was coming down the stairs when it happened. The house began to shake uncontrollably and frames were falling from the walls. She missed a step and hit her stomach a couple times against the stair rails. The kids were screaming and crying and no one knew what to do. It was quick and lasted only a couple seconds. But it was the biggest earthquake she had ever felt.

The earthquake that she felt was the Loma Prieta Earthquake. It was a 6.9 magnitude and only last 15 seconds. But in those 15 seconds there was serious damage. Since they were watching the baseball game and it happened near the Candlestick stadium it the first major earthquake to be aired on TV. The Bay Bridge collapsed and there were 63 deaths all from interstate 88. More people were injured and even more house and buildings were destroyed or severely damaged. Then there were two other aftershocks. Both were a magnitude of five and

My grandmother started freaking out and was rushed to the hospital. My great grandpa (her dad) had to drive her. But my great grandma (her mom) stayed at home with the other six

kids since they didn't fit in one car. To top it off she was even more of a wreck because nobody knew where my grandfather was. She was hearing things on the news of how severe the accident was. At the hospital she was watched closely because she was traumatized by the event so badly that she could have lost her baby. Plus, the bumps she took from the earthquake earlier but stress on the baby. But fortunately the doctors were able to stabilize her. Once she got back from the hospital she checked on her kids and made sure everyone was okay. They all Then two months later my uncle was born.