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Writing Task One

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On “Beautifully Broken”

**Part One: Outline**

1. Introduction
2. Opening
3. Claim: The value of the broken bowl “Kintsugi’’ in Japan after repaired with gold did not decline, instead increased.
4. Supporting Details

1. The philosophy “ Wabi-Sabi ” about imperfection in Japan. (1) The soaring amount of imitated “Kintsugi”. (2) The unexpected story of “Kintsugi” (3) The repaired Imperfection, which makes the broken things more valuable in Japan.

2. This concept “Wabi-Sabi” is not only in Japan, but also in other countries. (1) Persian rugs in Iran include deliberately small flaws. (2) The Puritans sewed the quilt with the did not matched rest of blanket. (3) The Native American bead workers include small mistakes.

3. The reported arts, which also include the idea of “Wabi-Sabi” , in other cultures. (1)Amish furniture (2) Islamic art

1. Conclusion
2. Key concern: Imperfection can make more valuable, but it doesn’t mean that we don’t have to take care of avoiding making mistake.
3. Suggestions or reminders: Try to accept imperfections after that you will find out the flaws or mistakes easier and deal with them more efficiently.

**Part Two: Thesis Statement (in one complete sentence)**

Although we prefer perfections, but a little imperfections could also render our life more colorful and vivid.

**Part Three:　Summary (in 100 words)**

In “Beautifully Broken” the author claims that imperfections did not destroy the art in all times, sometimes it makes the practices more beautiful. First of all, this paper explains what is the Japanese philosophy “Wabi-Sabi” and the story about it representation ”Kintusgi”. Then the author attempts to illustrate the main points by Persian rugs in Iran, the Puritans sewing, and the Native American bead. In conclusion, the author suggests that people should not always consider that imperfections is negative, instead people should try to make imperfections more significant. After that our life will be more unexpected point or secret, which people could find it easily and get more inspirations.

**Part Four: Critique (in 200 words).**

This article is worth reading because there is a lot of new concepts for us to learn, which is significant for our normal live, for example: imperfection, reparation , and looking practices in the other viewpoints. In addition, this article is also interesting to read. Readers can also through it to know not only this concept “Wabi-Sabi” in Japan, but also in many other countries, such as the USA, Iran, and some Arabic countries. All in all, although we take care to not to make mistake is important, but sometimes we also make some mistakes. We can use other perspectives to look this mistake or try to repair it, that might makes it more valuable and vivid.

However, the viewpoint that trying to not to make mistakes is not adequately illustrated. Maybe the author can give more example or details into further consideration, so that we can understand what is the difference between imperfection and perfectionism.