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Review this *Your Story, Our Story* submission from a middle school student, which uses a story arc (beginning, background, middle, main idea, ending) to complete the object story:

My Parvati and Shiva Statue



**Beginning:**  
Introduce the characters.

**Middle:** Why is the object at the center of the story?

**Ending:** How does the object represent you?

My object is a statue of 3 of my gods Shiva, Ganesha, and Parvati. It was made in Guyana (where my mom comes from). The history behind it is that my mom's grandma gave the statue to her for her 10th birthday. It's very important to my culture that we pray to these gods. My culture is Hinduism. Over here the statue is about 100\$ but in India its about 500\$. It's over 20 years old. The statue is made to show life, love and devotion, strength, power, and success. That's why my mom's grandma gave it to her because she knew that the statue represented her. The reason why the god in the middle (Ganesha) has an elephant's head is because Parvati (his mom) asked Ganesha to make sure no one came into the house. Soon Shiva (his dad) came home and after telling Ganesha that Parvati was his wife he still did not let Shiva in. Shiva told his army to kill him. All he did was cut off his head, so Shiva had to give him an elephant's head. That's why the statue is so important to my family and my culture because it reminds us about home and everything we have been through.

**Background:**  
What happened to the characters?

**Main Idea:**  
What does this story mean to you and your family?

– Amiya Nair

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