

**Released Prompts Grades 5 & 6  
2009-2010 School Year**

**Grade 5**

**Expository**

Explain what problems or changes would occur if the people in each of the fifty states spoke a different language.

A new student has moved to your school and is in your classroom. Write an essay explaining some of the things he or she will need to know about your classroom that will help make it a successful year.

**Formal Letter**

Write a letter to a successful person in the community requesting him or her to come and speak at your school. Include what makes your school special, and what you would like him or her to talk about.

Your principal is going to give one class money to purchase supplies for the classroom. Write a letter to your principal explaining what your class would purchase and why you deserve the money.

**Story**

You wake up one morning and you are invisible. Write a story about your day.

Create a story where you, as the main character, have turned into a famous person. Write a story about your day.

Imagine that your favorite storybook character came to life. Create a story about your adventure together.

**Grade 6**

**Expository**

Transportation is a daily part of our lives. Write an essay comparing two different types of transportation; for example, a city bus and a car, a skateboard and rollerblades, or a scooter and a bike, etc.

Think of a new invention that would be helpful to a student like you. Describe this new invention, and explain why it is important.

## **Grade 6 (continued)**

### **Personal Narrative**

Everybody in this world has different personalities and comes from different places. Write about experiences you have gone through that make you who you are.

### **Persuasive Essay**

A lack of water is an issue when living in the desert. Should people living in Arizona have a limit on the amount of water they use on a daily basis? Explain your point of view in an essay.