

Released Prompts Grades 7 and 8 2009-2010 School Year

Expository Essay

If you could play a character on any television show, which show and character would you choose and why?

What person would you especially like to meet? Identify the person and explain why you admire him or her.

Sometimes adults have trouble buying appropriate gifts for kids. Provide helpful guidelines for adults who are buying gifts for kids, and explain why each guideline is important.

Think about the clothes you and your friends wear and the clothes your parents and other people of their age wear. Describe similarities and differences between the clothes worn by these two generations.

Personal Narrative

Write a narrative about a positive experience you have had with a friend or relative of any age.

Persuasive Essay

Write a persuasive essay that argues that a certain sport or club should be available at your school. Provide reasons that support your opinion.

Write a persuasive essay about whether or not schools should sell junk food. Provide several reasons that support your opinion.

Convince your reader that today's popular music is better or worse than the popular music of the past. Provide several reasons in support of your opinion.

Formal Letter

One of your favorite television shows was just canceled. Write a formal letter to the television station protesting their decision.

Write a letter of concern to the President of the United States about any issue that is important to you.