

## Language Arts — 8th-Grade Writing Assignment

### Expository Essay (B)

**Objective:** Students will write a well-organized expository essay. (Standards W2.4b, W2.5a, 2.6b)

**Prompt 1:** Imagine that you have the opportunity to give advice to someone who really needs the advice — it could be someone you know personally, a historical figure from the past, or a famous person living today.

Write an essay that identifies the person to whom you would give the advice, the advice you would give, and why you would give the advice. Choose a familiar subject, something you know about, so you can provide details and explain fully your response.

**Prompt 2:** Many people experience great disappointments, even failures, in their lives — something that is an unavoidable part of life. What, if anything, can be learned from such experiences? How can one benefit from them?

Write an essay explaining fully and completely your observations; be sure to include details, examples, and good reasoning.

**Prompt 3:** Through the years new inventions have changed the way we live. Think about one, specific invention or innovation that has had an impact on the way you live. It might be a recent invention or an older one. The key is to identify something that you now use routinely and to then imagine what your life might be like if you did not have the invention or innovation, or to identify something that was not even available to you at one point but has recently become available.

Write an essay that fully explains how this invention or innovation has changed your life. Include specific details, examples, and good, logical reasons.

**Assignment:** Be sure to write to one, specific prompt; also remember to use specific details, examples, and sound, logical reasons to support your explanations and observations. This assignment is due on \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Specs:**

- Format:** Standard Composition
- Margins:** 1 inch, top, bottom, left, right
- Alignment:** Left or fully justified
- Indents:** .5 inches for paragraphs
- Line Spacing:** 1.5 or double
- Font:** Times New Roman, Arial; 11- or 12-pt.
- Title:** YES
- Turn in all parts of process:** YES

- Citations Page:** NO
- Name, period, date placement:** Upper right corner
- Name, period, date line spacing:** Single
- Illustrations / pictures:** Not required
- Extra space between paragraphs:** NO
- Save copies on your flash drive:** YES
- Title Specs:** Assigned fonts; 14- or 16-pt.; centered
- Title Note:** 1 or 2 blank lines between title and body
- How to turn in:** Hard copies only