

Ninth-Grade Expository Direct Writing Assessment 2008- 2009

TEACHERS: PLEASE READ THIS PAGE ALOUD TO THE STUDENTS.

- You have ninety (90) minutes to complete the writing process.
- Remember that expository writing **explains or informs**. Your essay should have an introduction with a **clear thesis statement**, a body and a conclusion. Use supporting details and examples.
- Use scratch paper to list and to organize ideas before you begin writing your rough draft.
- Use standard English, not email abbreviations (LOL, TX, @).
- Complete your final draft on the single response form provided.
- You must use **black ink**.
- Write neatly. Draw a line through any error and rewrite. Do not use a white correction pen or fluid.
- You may use a classroom dictionary or thesaurus.
- When you have finished your paper, reread it to make sure that you have said what you want to say.

Expository Prompt Background:

Many experiences can change our outlook on life. Books, movies, events, or people can have a tremendous impact on us. The impact may be either positive or negative.

Writing Assignment:

Write an expository essay for your English teacher explaining how one experience changed your outlook on life.