

Grade 9-10

## Biographical/Autobiographical Compositions

### A Surprising or Disappointing Person

**Writing Directions:** Write an essay about a person who has surprised or disappointed you. Strive to present a vivid portrait of this person, one that will let your readers see his or her character and the significance to you of the relationship.

#### **STATE STANDARD: Writing Applications, 2.1**

Write biographical or autobiographical narratives or short stories:

- a. Relate a sequence of events and communicate the significance of the events to the audience.
- b. Locate scenes and incidents in specific places.
- c. Describe with concrete sensory details the sights, sounds, and smells of a scene and the specific actions, movements, gestures, and feelings of the characters; use interior monologue to depict the characters' feelings.
- d. Pace the presentation of actions to accommodate changes in time and mood.
- e. Make effective use of descriptions of appearance, images, shifting perspectives, and sensory details.

#### **DISTRICT STANDARD: Goal 5,10.3**

Produce an essay from a prompt in which precise language, sentence variety, action verbs, appropriate modifiers, and active rather than passive voice is used.

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