



ONLINE 3.5

Prompt 3

Read the following writing prompt:

As part of an exhibit on inventions, the Delaware Museum is sponsoring a writing contest for high school sophomores on notable inventions and their impact on history.

Write an essay for this contest identifying the invention you consider notable and how it has impacted the world in either a positive or a negative way.

Answering the following questions will help you focus and plan your writing.

- Think of the many inventions throughout the history of the world.
- Think about the effect these inventions have had on our world.
- Is there one invention you think is better than the others?
- Is there one invention you would get rid of?
- Choose one invention to write about.

After you have planned your response, begin to write. Proofread your finished paper to check for complete sentences, correct punctuation, and spelling.

The *Writer's Checklist* below may help you plan, write, and revise your response.

Ideas and Organization

- _____ Focus on your audience and your purpose for writing.
- _____ Develop a clear opinion about the topic.
- _____ Support your opinion with ideas, explanations, and examples.
- _____ Present your ideas in the order that best supports your opinion.

Sentence Fluency

- _____ Use sentences that vary in structure and length.
- _____ Make your sentences flow smoothly.

Voice and Word Choice

- _____ Use language that sounds natural.
- _____ Use specific and accurate words.
- _____ Write to your audience.

Conventions

- _____ Capitalize, spell, and punctuate correctly.
- _____ Make sure others can read your handwriting.