

# MCPS Middle School English Writing SOL

## Prompts for English 7

### **Exposition:**

- 1) When people ask for advice, they sometimes talk to more than one person. Explain why seeking multiple opinions can help someone make a better choice. Use specific details and examples in your response.
- 2) What makes someone a success? Explain how you define success, using specific details and examples in your response.
- 3) If you could make a significant change to the structure or appearance of your school, what would it be? Identify the change you would make, and explain why you would make it.
- 4) Write about someone who has shared wisdom and experience with you. Explain why it is important to learn from the experience of others. Include specific details and examples in your response.
- 5) Some schools have a program that pairs older students with younger students. The older students are available to assist the younger students. How would this program help both the older and the younger students? Explain the effects of such a program on the students involved.
- 6) There is a common saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Think of something that has an unattractive appearance but that has special meaning to someone for other reasons. It might be an old car, a well-used toy, a faded photograph, or something else. Identify the object and explain why it has special meaning.
- 7) Civil rights leader Mahatma Gandhi wrote, "Be the change you want to see in the world." What is one way you would change the world, and how can you help to bring about this change? Use specific details and examples in your response.

### **Persuasion:**

- 8) Some people believe owning a pet is important, while others do not. Using specific details and examples to support your position, argue for or against owning a pet.
- 9) Is it better to take risks and perhaps make some mistakes or remain cautious and risk nothing? Explain using specific details and examples in your response.
- 10) People sometimes say that failure can eventually lead to success. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Use specific examples to convince others to support your position.

11) Your school is considering making a change to the dress code. What is one change that you would recommend, and why is it important? Use specific details and examples to justify this change.

12) An old proverb says honesty is the best policy. Sometimes, however, honesty might hurt a person's feelings. Explain why you either agree or disagree with being honest at all times. Use specific details and examples to convince other to support your position.

13) Some people think that schools should offer only nutritious drinks such as white milk, water, and natural fruit juice. Do you agree or disagree with this policy? Use specific details and examples to convince your principal to accept your position.

14) Studies have shown that one way to improve student achievement is to start an afterschool homework club. Teachers and students volunteer to meet with those who either have difficulty in certain subjects or who want to finish their homework early. Use specific details and examples to argue for or against the idea of establishing homework clubs in your school.

15) Studies have shown that people who take short breaks throughout the day to do light, outdoor exercise are more productive than those who do not. Use specific details and examples to convince your principal whether students should have similar breaks during the school day.