

# District Timed Writing #1

20 September, 2007

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose one of the following prompts and write your response according to the instructions. Be sure to read the entire prompt and answer ALL parts of it. HOWEVER, your response should NOT read like a list of answers to the list of questions in the prompt.

You may look at a copy of the rubric as you plan your essay...preferably the one you highlighted yesterday to help you remember the differences in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade rubrics. It's okay to go and get your portfolio before you start working. Use what helps.

Make sure your name is on your paper before you turn it in.

...and make sure you put your portfolio back in the right drawer.

### **Prompt 1**

Drawing on your experiences as a child, what impact have dolls and action figures, such as G. I. Joe and Barbie, had on your perception of the "ideal" body types? Do you think they influenced your attitude toward what men and women should look like? How do you think the impact of dolls and action figures compares with the impact of other influences, such as your parents, the television shows and movies you watched, and other factors?

### **Prompt 2**

Write an essay in which you recount a time when you were the "victim" of somebody's outrageous behavior. What were the circumstances of the incident? How did you respond at the time? What action, if any, did you take at a later time? Could this person's behavior be considered criminal? Explain.