2012-2013 A+ Ready Writing

INVITATIONAL

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose **one** of the following topics. Write the topic you have chosen at the top of your paper. Remember you should not use your real name or that of your school.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

Topic: *Overcoming defeat*

Human beings face numerous difficulties throughout their lifetimes. Maya Angelou, author and activist, said, "You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. Please remember that your difficulties do not define you. They simply strengthen your ability to overcome." Think about your own life when a trial or difficulty you faced did not end the way you wanted — but instead of feeling defeated, you grew as a person. Write a paper that explains your experience and describes how you overcame the defeat.

Topic: *Important Memory*

Think of a memory you have that is significant to you. This memory could be about anything such as: an event in your childhood, a person who impacted you, a thought that changed your belief about something, or a place you find special. Write a paper about that memory and why it is so significant for you.