

## Prompts

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Writing Sample**  
**Middle School GR** \_\_\_\_  
**SCORE:**

# *Cheer Up!*

*Read the writing prompt below and complete the writing activity.*

Mark Twain once said,  
“*The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.*”

Write a narrative essay that describes a time when you felt better because you cheered someone else up. Be sure to include why you needed cheering up, what you did to help someone else, and how you felt afterward.

**Be sure to:**

- plan your writing before you begin.
- include an introduction, a body, and a strong conclusion.
- focus on the following ideas:
  - why you needed cheering up
  - what you did to cheer someone else up
  - how you felt afterward
- include descriptive details to make your writing interesting.

*Your writing will not be scored on your personal opinions. It will be scored objectively on:*

- *how clearly you address the prompt*
- *how well you organize your ideas*
- *how effectively you express yourself*
- *how consistently you use correct paragraphing, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.*

*Be sure to use the Standard Rules of English, which do not include slang or jargon.*