**On-Demand Writing Task**

Name:

Grade:

Teacher:

School:

**1st Benchmark – Informational/Explanatory**

8th Grade

**Today you will write an informational/explanatory essay or article, about a topic you have been studying in class, showing what you know about the structure and craft of informational/explanatory writing.**

*To write your informational/explanatory text, you will:*

Write about a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

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| **As you DRAFT your informational/explanatory text, be sure to:** |
|  | **Introduce your topic or thesis statement** clearly |
|  | **Organize ideas, concepts, and information** into broader categories |
|  | **Develop your topic** with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples |
|  | **Use appropriate transitions** to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts |
|  | **Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary** to inform about or explain the topic |
|  | **Establish and maintain a formal style** |
|  | **Provide a concluding statement or section** that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented |
| **As you EDIT your writing, check your:** |
|  | Capitalization  |
|  | Sentence structure |
|  | Punctuation |
|  | Spelling |