Challenged by Choices
Lesson Two Formative Assessment
Paragraph Prompt

Think of a time you didn't agree with a rule at home or at school. Write a paragraph in which you compare and contrast your actions and thoughts with those of Rosa Parks. Include whether the choices you made were effective or not. Use details and examples from *Rosa Parks, My Story* in your response.

- Before you write, create a graphic organizer to assemble your ideas.
- Use the ideas from your organizer to write a first draft.
- Use the checklist to revise your first draft.
- Make any changes you feel are needed to make your paper more clear to readers.
- Use a dictionary and thesaurus when proofreading your draft.
- Write a final draft of your paragraph.

Your paragraph will be evaluated using the Grade 7 Writing Scoring Guide.

Checklist
Be sure your paragraph

- ✓ contains an introductory sentence that clearly states the thesis and gives the overall purpose.
- ✓ contains at least three supporting sentences that use relevant details to support the thesis.
- ✓ contains a concluding sentence.
- ✓ progresses in a logical order.
- ✓ stays on topic and does not digress.
- ✓ contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- ✓ uses writing techniques (i.e., imagery, humor, point of view, voice).
- ✓ contains a controlling idea.
- ✓ uses effective cohesive devices.
- ✓ uses precise and vivid language.
- ✓ shows awareness of audience and purpose.
- ✓ contains few errors in writing mechanics.