

Diagnostic Writing Assignment

Grades 3 4 5

Student Name _____

Date _____

Prompt:

Identify and describe three items that represent you. Explain why you chose each item and what it says about you.

Instructions:

You will have 45 minutes to construct a thorough and well-written response to this prompt. You may use the space below to plan your writing. When you are ready, begin to write or type your essay according to your teacher's instructions.

To be sure that your writing is the best it can be, keep the following criteria in mind:

- **Details** (the rich and interesting ideas in your writing)
- **Organization** (the way you order your writing and make it easy to follow)
- **Style** (the way you put your own personality and feelings into your writing)
- **Conventions/Mechanics** (the rules of writing, such as sentences, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling)