Expository Practice Prompts:  
  
**Prompt 1**  
  
Writing Situation  
  
Everyone has a favorite holiday.

Think about the different holidays and what makes some holidays more exciting, enjoyable, and fun compared to others.  
  
Directions for Writing  
  
Write an essay explaining which holiday is your favorite.   
  
**Prompt 2**  
  
Writing Situation  
  
Throughout history many important things have been made or invented. 

Think about an invention that has been important to people.

Directions for Writing  
  
Write an essay explaining why one invention has been important to people.   
  
**Prompt 3**  
  
Writing Situation  
  
Each year millions of tourists visit the state of Texas.

Think about why Texas is a good place for vacations.

Directions for Writing  
  
Write an essay explaining the reasons Texas is a popular place for vacations.

**Prompt 4**  
  
Writing Situation  
  
Look at this quotation: "Good things are not cheap, and cheap things are not good."

Think about the meaning of this quotation.

Directions for Writing  
  
Write an essay explaining how this quotation may apply to an experience of yours or the experience of someone you know.   
  
**Prompt 5**  
  
Writing Situation  
  
A pet peeve is a particular source of annoyance or irritation. Every person seems to have one.

Think about a pet peeve you have.  
  
Directions for Writing  
  
Write an essay explaining your pet peeve and why it is a source of annoyance or irritation.