**Writing Prompt for To Kill a Mockingbird**  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions**:  
People sometimes form opinions or have attitudes against others based on lack of knowledge or on social codes (you believe something because others, sometimes adults, tell you to believe that). These attitudes based on lack of knowledge and lack of personal experience are sometimes called prejudice. Prejudice means forming an opinion without looking at the facts carefully. Prejudice is often directed at different races (black and white), different social classes (rich and poor), and/or different religions (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, etc.). But many times, negative attitudes or prejudice can be stopped through learning more about and experiencing unfamiliar people, situations, and/or ideas.

Think about an attitude you have had that you changed after you learned more about the person, situation, or idea.

***Write about the theme: Changing Attitudes through Knowledge***

**Do one of the following:**

* Write about a time when you changed a negative attitude toward a person or idea after you learned more about that person or idea.  
  OR
* Tell how a person you admire changed a negative attitude toward a person or idea after that person learned more about that idea, thing, or person.  
  OR
* Persuade readers that it’s important to base your attitudes on knowledge and experience (give specific examples).

You should write at LEAST 5 sentences about this topic. Sentences must begin with a capital letter and end with a period, question mark, or exclamation point. You will LOSE POINTS for incorrect punctuation and capitalization.