



**NEW ENGLAND
COMMON ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**Released Items
2010**

**Grade 11
Writing**

Writing

Reflective Essay

Read this quotation. Think about what it means and how it applies to your life.

The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.

—Dorothy Parker

- ① What does this quotation mean to you? Write a reflective essay using personal experience or observations to show how the quotation applies to your life.

Before writing, consider

- *what the quotation means to you*
- *what experience/observations support your ideas*
- *how your ideas connect to the larger world*

A complete response to the prompt will include

- a clear purpose/focus
- coherent organization
- details/elaboration
- well-chosen language and a variety of sentence structures
- control of conventions