**Prompt/ Directions for Writing from Ralph’s Perspective**

**PERSPECTIVE-** Your *perspective* is the way you see something. If you think that toys corrupt children's minds, then from your *perspective* a toy shop is an evil place.

*Perspective* has a Latin root meaning "look through" or "perceive," and all the meanings of *perspective* have something to do with looking. If you observe the world from a dog's perspective, you see through the dog's eyes. In drawing, perspective gives your drawing the appearance of depth or distance. If we say someone "has perspective," we mean she has a sensible outlook on life. ([www.vocabulary.com](http://www.vocabulary.com))

Today, you will be writing from Ralph’s perspective. You will be pretending to be Ralph, or putting yourself in Ralph’s shoes, and writing a one page letter home to his mom about his longing for home, as well as describing, explaining, and defining his current situation. You will also write creatively about the other characters he is around, describe anything that has happened to him, what he possibly thinks, feels, has emotions about, anticipates, hopes, dreams, and etc., to define his current situation.

Teacher Example:

Dear Mom,

I am so glad I have some time to write to you. I’m so sad on this island but I am trying my best to stay positive. The older boys can be mean a lot of the times. I get scared but I try not to show it. I have to stand my ground too, you know. I miss you and the rest of my life so badly back home. I want to cut my hair off so bad that I have thought about just tearing it out! I have to keep flicking it out of my eyes and the sweat it holds attracts bugs. My back remains covered in bumpy bug bites that give me these little intense itchings. I can only bathe in the ocean and then I get itchy from the salt water. You wouldn’t believe how much I would like a bar of soap to help me wash up. I wouldn’t ask for anything else, besides going home.

-Love Ralphy