Prompt:

In the poem you just read, Jonathan Kantrowitz expressed his views about success, riches, and fame. Consider your own viewpoint on what it means to be a successful person. Write a letter to your friends explaining your view, persuading them to think about success in the same way you do.

Directions:

Read the writing prompt in the box below. You will have one class period for prewriting activities (such as brainstorming, listing, or outlining) and writing a rough draft. Use the pages labeled “pre-writing” to record your plans for writing and write your rough draft.

You will then have another class period in which to do your revision and complete your final paper. Use the pages labeled “final paper” to record your completed work.