Strong Verb Paragraph Directions

- 1. Read the strong verb writing prompt and think about your response. Brainstorm ideas.
- 2. Write a paragraph that has seven sentences.
- 3. Only your first and last sentences can have helping verbs or a linking verb in them. The other sentences must have strong action verbs. Choose the most vivid verbs, ones that help your reader picture something. You may use the list of helping verbs to help you avoid them.
- 4. Underline the verb in each sentence.
- 5. Do not repeat any action verbs in your paragraph. In other words, each sentence needs to have its own original verb.
- 6. Read back over your paragraph to make sure you do not have any fragments or run-on sentences.
- 7. Remember, this is a writing exercise that will help improve your writing by helping you to focus on word choice.