Grade 6 Scoring Sampler Passage and Prompt

Read the "A Winning Idea" passage.

A Winning Idea

Caleb, Joey, and Adam wanted to work together on the class science fair in Ms. Diaz's class. The winning group would be chosen on the creativity of their science project and on how well they worked together. Ms. Diaz gave the class one day for each group to decide on the focus of its science project. Caleb, Joey, and Adam all had plenty of ideas, and each one thought his own idea was the best one. After a long discussion, Caleb kept trying to convince the others to build a model volcano and Joey wanted to do a project on sharks. They were having a hard time deciding which plan to use, and time was running out. Suddenly Adam said, "I think I have a great idea!" and smiled at Caleb and Joey.



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Writing Prompt

Use your imagination to write a new story about Adam's idea for the science fair project, including how the group worked together to finish the project and what happened at the science fair.

Manage your time carefully so you can

- plan
- write
- revise
- edit

Be sure to include

- a plot with a beginning, middle, and end
- character development
- a descriptive ending

Your response should be in the form of a multi-paragraph story. Write your story in the space below.