## **Curiosity Writing Prompts**

Curiosity is the desire to know more about the world. Respond to the following prompts to exercise your curiosity:

## **Mysteries Next Door**

The poet Oscar Wilde said, "The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible." Take a walk through your neighborhood and closely observe your surroundings. What buildings, businesses, landmarks, or artifacts are mysterious? Pick a mystery and investigate it. "What is that? What goes on there? What function does it serve? Why is it part of my community?" Then write a short report that reveals the amazing mysteries you have discovered.

*Multimedia alternative:* Create a tourism flyer or video about the topic.

## Back to the Beginning

Watch <u>this video</u> about the origin of popsicles. Then write "Foods," "Activities," and "Clothes" on a piece of paper and list favorite examples of each. Choose one example and research its origins. Answer the 5 W's and H: "*Who* invented it? *What* did it first look like? *When* was it invented? *Where* was it invented? *Why* was it invented? *How* was it invented?" Create an essay that explains its origins.

*Narrative alternative:* From the perspective of one or more people involved, create a historical narrative about the item's origins.