Learning Target:

L.11-12.2 Demonstrate command of complete sentences and comma usage.

Lesson Expectations/Standard:

1. On the Fragments handout, read the passages and determine which parts are fragments.
2. On the Commas handout, read the sentences and add commas where needed.

L.11.12.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Links to Other Assignment Options (websites or programs):

Links to Resources and Support:

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*Reminder: Assignments are due back to teachers the next day we are in school, if possible, or within 1 week of the Patriot Day.
**Commas - Exercise 3**

**Directions:** Read the items below. If you believe a comma belongs in a box, then add a comma. If you believe no punctuation is necessary, put an X in the box.

1. "Don't worry ☐ honey ☐ ' ☐ said Mom. "If Rocky doesn't come home ☐ we'll go to the humane society ☐ and pick out another cat."

2. If you need a memo typed ☐ in a hurry ☐ you should take it to Sharon ☐ who has the fastest fingers ☐ of anyone ☐ in the office.

3. After catching enough trout ☐ for both dinner ☐ and breakfast ☐ we let Bobby scale ☐ and gut the fish ☐ because he doesn't mind the dirty job.

4. The difficult ☐ calculus problems ☐ made Seth's head hurt ☐ so badly ☐ that the aspirin she took did little ☐ to relieve the throbbing.

5. Desperate for a snack ☐ to take to school ☐ Willie put a ripe ☐ mushy banana in his book bag ☐ but soon discovered that it soaked his dictionary ☐ with sweet-smelling slime.

6. Sophia ☐ a conscientious student ☐ spent two hours every day studying for the algebra midterm. Marvin ☐ on the other hand ☐ wrote all of the important formulae ☐ on his thigh before the exam.

7. Arden wanted ☐ to give his old crutches to Kathy ☐ who had sprained an ankle after a misstep on the stairs ☐ but his wife was using them ☐ to stake tomatoes ☐ in the garden.

8. The fire alarm began to whine ☐ startling everyone in the room ☐ but Mr. Chambless continued to lecture ☐ about economic theory ☐ ignoring the possibility that flames might be ☐ licking the hallway walls.
9. Even though Cornelius had spent the entire evening practicing his speech in front of a mirror he had less confidence than Beatrice whose theater experience prepared her for performing in front of an audience.

10. After the ride on the fast terrifying roller coaster Deirdre decided to avoid eating any other heavy greasy foods at the fair.

11. Valerie spent hours vacuuming and dusting the interior of her new car. All the while she knew the chores were useless since Toby her big and hairy mutt insisted on riding everywhere with her.

12. Sitting at the sticky crumb-covered cafeteria table Luther and Ruth carefully studied their chemistry notes so that Dr. Wilson’s next tricky test wouldn’t confuse them.

13. Starving after three hours of basketball practice Julius went straight to his sister’s bathroom for he knew Annette kept a bag of corn chips hidden behind the toilet paper underneath the sink.

14. Unable to sleep in the hot room Robert grabbed his pillow and blanket went outside and stretched out on a lawn chair to enjoy the evening breeze.

15. Allowing even a small dog to sleep on the bed can cause problems for in the night the animal will slowly uncurl and steal more than its fair share of pillows and blanket and mattress.

16. Tasting the air with its tongue the snake lay on the warm concrete enjoying the mild spring day and meaning no one any harm.

17. Diane promised herself that she would eat only three caramel candies but her fingers kept digging into the bag pulling out another treat unwrapping the cellophane and popping the chewy square into her mouth.

18. Stacked on the desk huge piles of books and printed web pages lay ignored by Josephine who should have turned in her research paper two days ago.
19. Because Shawn is so tall he must keep the driver's seat almost fully reclined so that his head doesn't bump the roof of his small car. When he can afford it he plans to buy a convertible so that he doesn't have to worry about a roof at all.

20. Despite three cups of coffee Danny could not keep his eyes open for another one of Dr. O'Sullivan's long dreary lectures on Egyptian pharaohs. So he doodled in his notebook wishing that he had chosen a different class to satisfy his history requirement.
Fragments – Exercise 2

Directions: Read each short passage that follows. Determine which part is the fragment.

1. ^While Cynthia dressed for her sister’s wedding, Murphy, the golden retriever, ate the straps off the only shoes that matched Cynthia’s pale blue dress. Ê Her replacement options were inappropriate. Ë Like rubber flip-flops, running shoes, fuzzy pink rabbit slippers, or brown leather pumps.

2. ^When Will stepped out of the shower, he panicked. Ê Realizing that all of his underwear was still in the washing machine. Ë Damp jockey shorts were not a good way to start his day.

3. ^Joey idolizes his older brother David. Ê Combing his hair in the style that David wears, drinking coffee black with five sugars, and giving teachers the same lame excuses for late homework. Ë As a consequence, everyone calls Joey “David” by mistake!

4. ^While thunder boomed in the distance, Margaret started off on her daily five-mile run. Ê Confident that she had plenty of time before the storm arrived. Ë Wet hair and clothes plastered to her body proved that she couldn’t outpace Mother Nature.

5. ^Whenever Coach Moody sees behavior that she doesn’t like—either on or off the court. Ê The members of the girls’ basketball team pay during the next practice. Ë When Frankie was caught smooching her boyfriend Larry in the hallway, everyone had to run two extra miles that afternoon.

6. ^Making his anxious students relax would have required very little effort. Ê Like a smile when he walked into class or a “Good job” written at the bottom of an essay. Ë Professor Marshall refused to do more than scowl and read from his yellowed lecture notes.

7. ^Marcus has no consideration for the ecosystem rich with life in his backyard. Ê When he cuts the lawn, he slows for nothing. Ë As toads, lizards, and insects jump to the sanctuary of bushes to avoid the deadly mower blades.

8. ^Each morning, Darren adds guava juice, raw egg, protein powder, raisins, and sardines to a blender. Ê After mixing these ingredients on high for a few seconds, he has breakfast. Ë A drink that will give him plenty of energy and shiny hair.
9. Horrified, Sherri stared at her reflection in the mirror. Hair sticking out in seventeen different directions, a spot of whipped cream on her chin, and a green pen mark across her nose. Why hadn't her friends at the table mentioned her disarray?

10. Lying awake in the dark room, staring up at the shadows that danced across the ceiling. Jason worried about the shuffling and thumps that he heard outside. Raccoons—not hungry zombies with grabbing arms—were prowling behind the house.

11. Like amber honey, Helene's long hair dripped over her shoulders and spilled down her back. Styling products, moreover, made the tresses as sticky as pancake syrup. Catching pieces of thread, feathers, dust, and even an occasional insect that buzzed too close.

12. While eating the plate of sesame chicken, María was thankful for her skill with chopsticks. Eating utensils that required only one hand to use. For María's left hand was pinned to the booth by Hunter, her five-year-old son who lay sleeping after a long day of shopping at the mall.

13. To stay awake for a long evening of chemistry homework. Beth made a huge pot of coffee. Unfortunately, her heart beat so fast and her legs jigged so violently that the poor girl couldn't concentrate.

14. Diane picked at the slice of cheesecake with her car keys. While Nick sucked whipped cream off his fingers. Horrified, Rachel watched her roommates decimate the dessert that she had spent three hours preparing.

15. Cringing with anxiety at the grade that she might find. Nancy peeked at the last page of the essay. The big red A sent waves of relief radiating through her body.

16. Jonathon often tries to shock his English teacher, Mrs. Mauzy, with weird paper topics. Such as eating tarantulas or wearing women's underwear. Mrs. Mauzy remains nonplussed, scandalized only by the number of fragments in Jonathon's essays.

17. To save enough money to pay tuition, Tanisha keeps a strict budget. She never carries more than three dollars in her wallet. To avoid making impulse purchases like a pizza or CD that will cause her to come up short when registration begins.

18. To keep the cat from sleeping on her new convertible's canvas top. Kim leaves the garden hose out. Like a gunslinger in a Western, she "duels" with Rocky, the family's orange tom, who hisses as vehemently as the forceful spray of water.
19. Dr. Gregory surveyed the auditorium full of nervous, sweating biochemistry students. Her gaze often stopped on Bryan. Whose test anxiety manifested in the loud popping of his knuckles and the high-speed bouncing of his left leg.

20. To save money on a haircut that he badly needed, Raja let Tina, his roommate and an aspiring stylist, trim his shaggy head. Honestly, a blender or a weed whacker could have done a better job!