



Task Title: Essay Writing

OALCF Cover Sheet – Practitioner Copy

Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path: Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

Task Description: The learner will write an opinion paper on one of 8 topics provided.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Communicate Ideas and Information/Write continuous text/B2.3

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device with word processing program (e.g. Microsoft Word or Google Docs)

Learner Information

In many high school and post-secondary courses, students may be asked to write an opinion paper about a particular topic.

Read the "Suggested Essay Topics".

Suggested Essay Topics

1. Parents are the best teachers. Do you agree or disagree with the previous statement? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
2. If you could change one important thing about your city or community, what would you change? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.
3. Some people prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city. Which place would you prefer to live in? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
4. "When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success." Do you agree or disagree with the quotation? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your position.
5. Neighbours are the people who live near us. In your opinion, what are the qualities of good neighbours? Use specific details and examples in your answer.
6. Some people think that they can learn better by themselves than with a teacher. Others think that it is always better to have a teacher. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons to develop your essay.
7. What are some important qualities of a good supervisor (boss)? Use specific details and examples to explain why these qualities are important.
8. It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.

Work Sheet

Task 1: From the “Suggested Essay Topics”, choose one topic that interests you. On a piece of lined paper (or using a computer), write a three to five paragraph essay that supports your opinion on this topic.

Answer: No written response required here.

Task completed: Yes: ☐

Answers

Answers will vary.

Performance Descriptors

Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
B2.3	writes texts to present information, summarize, express opinions, present arguments, convey ideas, or persuade			
	manages unfamiliar elements (e.g. vocabulary, context, topic) to complete tasks			
	selects and uses vocabulary, tone, and structure appropriate to the task			
	organizes and sequences writing to communicate effectively			
	uses a variety of vocabulary, structures, and approaches to convey main ideas with supporting details			

This task: Was successfully completed ☐ Needs to be tried again ☐

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Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

Learner (print):