

Task Title: Write a Short Research Report

# OALCF Cover Sheet – Practitioner Copy



**Learner Name:**

**Date Started (m/d/yyyy):**

**Date Completed (m/d/yyyy):**

**Successful Completion:**  Yes No

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| **Goal Path:** | Employment | Apprenticeship |
| Secondary School | Post Secondary | Independence |

**Task Description:**

The learner will research a topic and write a report on the topic.

**Competency:** A: Find and Use Information

 B: Communicate Ideas and Information

 D: Use Digital Technology

**Task Groups:** A1: Read continuous text

B1: Interact with others

 B2: Write continuous text

 D2: Use digital technology

**Level Indicators:**

* A1.3: Read longer texts to connect, evaluate and integrate ideas
 and information
* B1.1: Participate in brief interactions to exchange information with
 one other person
* B2.3: Write longer texts to present information, ideas and opinions
* D.2: Perform well-defined, multi-step digital tasks

**Performance Descriptors:** See chart on last page

**Materials Required:**

* Pen and Paper and/or digital device
* Access to a word processing program such as Microsoft Word or digitized task
* Access to research material such as the internet, books, articles or encyclopedia

**Instructor preparation:** Review the tasks with the learner to ensure understanding. Help the learner decide on a research topic. Ensure the learner has skills to take notes while reading reference material. Ensure the learner understands the importance of listing reference materials (confirm understanding of what constitutes plagiarism). The learner should be given an appropriate amount of time to research the topic and write the report.

Confirm report criteria have been met:

Although reading skills are involved in this task, the emphasis of the evaluation is on note-taking and then writing the report.

* Each paragraph should have a main idea and there should be details to support the main idea.
* There should be some variety in vocabulary and sentence structure.
* There should be a list of resources used to research the topic.
* The final copy should have very few mechanical errors.

# Learner Information

In secondary and post-secondary school students are often asked to research a topic and then write a report on what they have learned.

# Tasks

You have been asked to write a research report. Complete the following tasks related to writing an essay.

**Task 1:** Choose a topic of personal interest that you would like to learn more about. Discuss with your instructor what you already know and what you would like to know. Form several questions that you hope the research will answer. Write them below.

**Answer:**



**Task 2:** Use at least two research sources (books, articles, encyclopedia or Internet). As you read, take notes of important information that helps to answer your questions.

**Task 3:** Organize your notes into an outline, then write a rough draft. Your report should include at least three well-developed paragraphs (250-400 words), plus introduction and conclusion paragraphs. You may write your rough draft on paper, on the computer or in the digitized task space.

**Answer:**



**Task 4:** Read over the draft of your report. Ask yourself: Do the ideas flow smoothly or do the sentences sound awkward? Are there details to support the main idea of each paragraph? Make changes as necessary.

**Task 5:** Proof-read your rough copy for spelling and grammar errors. You may use a dictionary, spell-check, or other resources to help you edit your report.

**Task 6:** List the resources that you used at the end of your research report. You should include the author and the title of each book or article.

**Answer:**



**Task 7:** Rewrite or print off a final computer copy.

**Answer:**



**Task 8:** Hand in your research notes, your rough copy and your final copy.



# Performance Descriptors 1

| Levels | Performance Descriptors | Needs Work | Completes task with support from practitioner | Completes task independently |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A1.3: | Integrates several pieces of information from texts |  |  |  |
|  | Manages unfamiliar elements (e.g. vocabulary, context, topic) to complete tasks |  |  |  |
|  | Identifies the purpose and relevance of texts |  |  |  |
|  | Skims to get the gist of longer texts |  |  |  |
|  | Infers meaning which is not explicit in texts |  |  |  |
|  | Compares or contrasts information between two or more texts |  |  |  |
|  | Uses organizational features, such as headings, to locate information |  |  |  |
|  | Follows the main events of descriptive, narrative, informational and persuasive texts |  |  |  |
|  | Obtains information from detailed reading |  |  |  |
| B1.1: | Conveys information on familiar topics  |  |  |  |
|  | Shows an awareness of factors such as social, linguistic and cultural differences that affect interactions in brief exchanges with others |  |  |  |
|  | Chooses appropriate language in exchanges with clearly defined purposes |  |  |  |
|  | Participates in short, simple exchanges |  |  |  |
|  | Speaks or signs clearly in a focused and organized way |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| D2.2: | Selects and follows appropriate steps to complete tasks |  |  |  |
|  | Locates and recognizes functions and commands |  |  |  |
|  | Makes low-level inferences to interpret icons and text |  |  |  |

# Performance Descriptors 2

This task: Was successfully completed Needs to be tried again

Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

