

## OALCF Task Cover Sheet

**Task Title:** Essay Writing

<b>Learner Name:</b>	
<b>Date Started:</b>	<b>Date Completed:</b>
<b>Successful Completion:</b> Yes ___ No ___	
<b>Goal Path:</b> Employment ___ Apprenticeship ___ Secondary School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Secondary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independence ___	
<b>Task Description:</b> In this task the learner is required to read 8 different essay topics and then write an opinion paper.	
<b>Competency:</b> A: Find and Use Information B: Communicate Ideas and Information	<b>Task Group(s):</b> A1: Read continuous text B2: Write continuous text
<b>Level Indicators:</b> A1.1: Read brief texts to locate specific details B2.3: Write longer texts to present information, ideas and opinions	
<b>Performance Descriptors:</b> see chart on last page	
<b>Materials Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essay topic sheet (attached) – feel free to add appropriate essay topics</li><li>• Question sheet</li><li>• Pen/pencil</li></ul>	

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**Task Description:** Learners on the Secondary or Post Secondary goal path may be asked to write an opinion paper.

**Task 1:** Learners will need to write opinion papers in some courses. Read the 8 topics below. Choose one topic and write a 3 – 5 paragraph essay that supports what you think.

### **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, 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.

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<b>Performance Descriptors</b>		<b>Needs Work</b>	<b>Completes task with support from practitioner</b>	<b>Completes task independently</b>
A1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identifies the main idea in brief texts.</li></ul>			
B2.3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Writes texts to present information, summarize, express opinions, present arguments, convey ideas, or persuade.</li></ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Manages unfamiliar elements (e.g. vocabulary, context, topic) to complete tasks.</li></ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selects and uses vocabulary, tone, and structure appropriate to the task.</li></ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Organizes and sequences writing to communicate effectively.</li></ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uses a variety of vocabulary, structures, and approaches to convey main ideas with supporting details.</li></ul>			

**This task:** was successfully completed\_\_\_ needs to be tried again\_\_\_

<b>Learner Comments</b>

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**Instructor (print)**

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**Learner Signature**