



Task Title: Write an essay to express an opinion about a topic of interest

OALCF Cover Sheet – Practitioner Copy

Learner Name: _____

Date Started (m/d/yyyy): _____

Date Completed (m/d/yyyy): _____

Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path:

Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apprenticeship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Post Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Independence	<input type="checkbox"/>

Task Description: The learner will express an opinion in writing and organize information in well developed paragraphs.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.3
- Communicate Ideas and Information/Write continuous text/B2.3
- Use Digital Technology/D.2

Materials Required:

- Pen/Pencil/Paper
- Computer with word processing software (if applicable) or copy of digitized task

Learner Information

A learner on either of the educational goal paths will need to be able to write essays expressing their own opinions. In this activity you will brainstorm, then write an essay expressing your opinion about a topic that interests you.

Work Sheet

Task 1: List 4-5 topics that interest you. They can be news-related (local politics, bylaws, current events) or subjects that you find interesting. The most important thing is that they are something that you have an opinion about.

Answer:

Task 2: Pick one topic from the list you created in Task 1 that you feel comfortable researching and writing your opinion about. Which topic did you pick?

Answer:

Task 3: Research your topic. You can use books from the library, the newspaper, videos, or an internet search. Make sure you keep track of where you get your information. Use the space below to write down some rough notes.

Answer:

Task 4: Write a rough draft of an essay that expresses your opinion on the topic you have chosen. Be sure that your essay:

- **Has a title**
- **Has 5-6 paragraphs**
- **Includes an introductory paragraph that outlines the main idea and states your opinion about the topic**
- **Gives examples about your topic**
- **Backs up your opinion with as much information as possible while still being to the point**
- **Ensures all paragraphs relate to the main idea**
- **Summarizes your opinion in the last paragraph**
- **Has been checked in the final draft for spelling and punctuation**

Answer:

Task 5: Type a final version of your essay on a computer, and save it in an appropriate destination, for example, in “My Documents” or on a USB drive. Print out your essay and hand it in to your instructor.

(If you are completing a digitized version of this task, you may type the final draft of your essay into the space below.)

Answer:

Answers

Answers will vary.

Performance Descriptors

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			
	Begins to recognize bias and points of view in texts			
	Obtains information from detailed reading			
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			

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D.2	Selects and follows appropriate steps to complete tasks			
	Locates and recognizes functions and commands			
	Makes low-level inferences to interpret icons and text			
	Begins to identify sources and evaluate information			
	Performs simple searches using keywords (e.g. internet, software help menu)			

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

Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

Learner (print):
