

Task Title: Essay Writing

# OALCF Cover Sheet – Practitioner Copy

**Learner Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Successful Completion:**  Yes No

**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 |
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| 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

Learner Comments:

Instructor (print): Learner (print):

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