



Language Arts 7

Writing

Part A: Final Exam

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Final Exam in Writing

In Grade 7 Language Arts, you'll have to two exams:

- Written
- Reading Comprehension

Today, you'll be taking your **Language Arts Written Final Exam**. It's worth **10%** of your entire Language Arts mark.

Directions:

1. You'll be asked to write **2 paragraphs** in total using the following writing styles:
 - **Personal Response**: tell a story from your experience
 - **Expository**: explaining how to do something
 - **Descriptive**: describing something
 - **Persuasive**: convince someone to do something
2. You may use a **dictionary** and a **thesaurus**.

Your writing must:

- Have at least one paragraph for each writing style (label with a title which paragraph is which style)
- **Each paragraph must be a minimum of 8 sentences.**
- Use a font size of **12**.
- Use **an appropriate** font style
- Use **double** spacing.

Descriptive Writing

The primary purpose of descriptive writing is to **describe a person, place, or event** so that the topic can be **clearly seen in the reader's mind**. The writer must use **vivid details** that **paint a picture for the reader**.

***Choose ONE of the following topics for your descriptive paragraph.**

Topic 1: My Favourite or Least Favourite Place

What do you see? What objects, plants, or animals are in the place? What colors do you see? What do you hear? What would a hidden microphone record in the place you're describing? What does the air smell like? Is it annoying? Pleasant? What does it remind you of? Where does the smell come from? Are there blooming flowers? What do you taste? Are you touching anything? (Please skip any questions that don't make sense for the place you're describing.)

Topic 2: My Hero

Describe a person, either real or fictional (from a novel), that you admire and look up to. Remember to incorporate as many descriptive details as you can into your paragraph. Who is this person? What are they like? What qualities in them do you admire? Why are they important to you?

Expository Writing

The primary purpose of expository writing is to provide information such as an **explanation** or **directions**.

***Choose ONE of the following topics for your expository paragraph.**

Topic 1: Secrets of Success for the Seventh Grade

This year, you have learned what it takes to be a successful seventh grade student, what your teachers expect out of you, and how to succeed as a student. Write a paragraph that gives sixth grade students specific advice on what they really need to know before they enter the seventh grade in the fall.

Topic 2: How To

In this paragraph, explain how to do something. Give specific, sequential instructions to your reader. Be sure to explain something you know how to do.

Personal Response Writing

The primary purpose of narrative writing is to **describe an experience, event, or sequence of events in the form of a personal story.**

***Choose ONE of the following topics for your personal response paragraph.**

Topic 1: *Courage*

Choose a time when you did something that took a lot of nerve, a time when you didn't follow the crowd or a time when you stood up for your beliefs. Perhaps your friends were urging you to do something that you were uncomfortable with and you chose not to cave into peer pressure. Whatever you choose, think about the details of the event and write a paragraph that tells about what happened. Your narrative should show your readers why you decided to make a stand or try something that took nerve, give specifics on the events, and share how you felt after the event.

Topic 2: *Perseverance*

Think about an event in your life that seemed bad but turned out to be good. Maybe you got injured and while you were waiting for your broken leg to heal, you learned how to use a computer. What makes the event change from bad to good may be something that you learned as a result, something that you did differently as a result, or something that happened that wouldn't have occurred otherwise. Tell the story of the event that you experienced and help your readers understand how an event that seemed negative turned out to have valuable consequences.

Persuasive Writing

The primary purpose of persuasive writing is to **give an opinion and try to influence the reader's way of thinking with supporting evidence.**

***Choose ONE of the following topics for your persuasive paragraph.**

Topic 1: Backpack Searches

Mr. Hawkins has decided to institute random backpack searches to check for cell phones, and other tech devices in class. Anyone caught with these devices will be immediately suspended. Mr. Hawkins has argued that the random searches will guard against distraction and bullying in school. What is your position on this issue? Write a paragraph to the editor of the *Lethbridge Herald* stating your position and supporting it with three convincing reasons.

Topic 2: School Uniforms

Write a convincing paragraph to Mr. Hawkins stating whether or not the students at your school should be required to wear uniforms to school. Give at least three reasons (arguments) to support your position. Remember, you must argue in such a convincing manner that others will agree with you.