

# Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

An Introduction to OSSLT

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# Do I have to write the test?

- Yes, it is a requirement for your Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- You will receive an Individual Student Report indicating whether or not you passed the test.

# Who is eligible?

- If you started Grade 9 in 2016-2017
- If you have already been eligible and have not passed the test in earlier attempts

# What happens if I'm not successful?

- You will be able to write the test in the next school year  
or
- You may take the Grade 12 Literacy Course (you must have written the test at least once to be eligible)

# Where?

- Learning Commons
- Several classrooms
- Check the list posted outside of the main office to determine where you will be writing

# Preparing for the test

- *“Be Informed, Be Ready”*
- Period 1, 2, and 5 classes
- Workshops
- [www.readwriterock.com](http://www.readwriterock.com)
- [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

# Punctuality and Absenteeism

- If you are absent you will have to write the test next year.
- If you are late, you will not be given any extra time and you will not have the instructions repeated. This will reduce your chances of passing.

# What do I need to bring?

- HB pencil, blue or black pens
- no gym bags, backpacks, lunch bags, cell phones, iPods, iPads, or any other electronic devices



# What if I finish early?

- Review your work.
- Bring a book.

# What does the test involve?

- two booklets (Question Booklet 1 with an Answer Booklet 1, and Question Booklet 2 with an Answer Booklet 2)
- each booklet contains a reading and writing component

# Reading Selections

- 1. Informational Text
- Paragraph or news report
- 2. Narrative
- Dialogue or real-life narrative
- 3. Graphic Selection

## Types of Questions:

### 1. Multiple Choice

- choose the best or most correct answer
- use process of elimination if you can't find the answer easily
- circle only one option
- if you wish to change answers, put an X through first choice and circle your final choice

### 2. Open Response

- lined space suggests an appropriate length for answer

# You are expected to read...

charts	diagrams	maps
graphs	schedules	instructions

# Writing Tasks

- 1) Summary (short)
- include the main idea of the original selection and at least two supporting details
- NOTE: This will be under the reading section of the OSSLT
- 2) Opinion Piece
- express an opinion on the topic provided
- develop your main idea with supporting details (proof, examples, etc.)
- minimum of three paragraphs

# Writing Tasks

- 3) News Report
- based on a headline and picture
- make up facts
- use the "5 Ws and H"
- 4) Multiple Choice Questions
- developing a main idea with supporting details
- organization of ideas
- language conventions

# Writing Tips

- Use the lined space provided as a guide as to how long your answer should be.
- The audience is always an adult – tone and language should reflect this.
- Be sure to follow instructions for each task since each task is different and stay on topic.

# Writing Tips

- Write in complete sentences.
- Watch your time carefully.
- Write clearly and legibly. Handwriting that cannot be read cannot be marked.
- Do not write offensive material. Your work may not be marked.



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***More Information to follow***