

## TIPS FOR THE TEST

**Answer all of the questions.** If you leave a question blank, you'll get 0. If you guess, you might get the right answer. Take the chance!

### Multiple Choice

- Read the questions first, and then read the article. As you read the article, underline or highlight information that you think will help you with your answers.
- As you answer the multiple choice, look for obviously wrong answers, and cross them out.
- There are some multiple choice questions that are not based on a reading/selection.

### News Report

- Your news report should tie together the picture and the headline.
- Make all the information for the news report up. Put as much of the following information in as you can: 1) who was involved, 2) what happened, 3) where did it happen, 4) when did it happen, 5) why did it happen, 6) how did it happen. Remember, you are making all of this information up.
- Make up two quotations to put into your news report.
- A news report reports on something that has already happened.
- Write short paragraphs. Students who score well on this question usually write four paragraphs. **Do not write only one paragraph.**
- Do not include your own opinion.

### Opinion Piece

- Aim to write 5 paragraphs (introduction, 3 body paragraphs and a conclusion) to help fully develop the topic. The minimum requirement is three paragraphs.
- Choose one side of the issue and stick with it.
- You can write in first person.

### Short Response

- If there is an article followed by questions, read the questions before you read the article. As you read the article/selection, highlight information that you think will help you with your answers.
- Include part of the question in your topic sentence.
- If the question is based on an article/selection, include information from the article in your answer.
- There are short response questions that are not based on an article/selection.

For any question, don't forget that you can use the rough work area to figure out your answer. Try mind mapping some ideas.

Make sure you clearly indicate where a new paragraph begins. Indent the first line of each paragraph or leave a space between paragraphs.

If you have time, read over your answers and see if you want to change anything.

If you see "summarize this selection", the selection refers to the reading before it.