

Characteristics of Successful Students

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) website offers a variety of great resources for students preparing for the OSSLT. One resource is the chart found below. It offers characteristics of students who are successful and unsuccessful on the Literacy Test.

Characteristics of Successful and Unsuccessful Student Performance

Unsuccessful	Successful
The unsuccessful student's work is characterized by:	The successful student's work is characterized by:
Simplicity In ideas and sparse supporting details; in understanding and use of forms (e.g., personal essay, graphs and charts); and in vocabulary use	Complexity Big ideas, details selected to support generalizations; broad vocabulary; connects purposes, audience, and form
Repetition The small set of ideas selected from texts or chosen for writing are used repeatedly; narrow range of skill sets for choice of vocabulary and sentence structure; syntax is often drawn from oral language	Variety Range of literacy and fluency skills; navigates and adopts different types of expression; produces own ideas; syntax is that of written language where appropriate; flexibility of expression
Concreteness Focus on specifics of tasks; straight-forward purposes in reading or writing; heavy reliance on personal experience for evidence	Abstraction Uses symbols and visualization in understanding and expression; transfers skills and prior knowledge to new situations