

## Other Short Writing Tasks

There are several short writing tasks (or open response questions) on the OSSLT. These usually include writing a summary, writing about your thoughts or feelings, and writing an opinion about information you have been presented with. Information on writing a summary can be found elsewhere on this site. For a short writing task, students are expected to write an answer that is approximately six lines long.

The information paragraph, news article and dialogue are followed by one or two open response questions.

1. Writing about your thoughts or feelings
  - In past years, sample questions have included items such as "Choose a time of year and explain how it affects the way you feel" and "State one of your goals in life. Explain why it is important to you".
2. Writing your opinion about information you have been presented with.
  - On the 2007 OSSLT students read a selection entitled "Nelson Mandela Made an Honorary Canadian," and were then asked to answer the following question: "Do Canadians benefit from people becoming honorary citizens? Explain your answer using information in the selection and your own ideas"

### Tips for Answering Short Writing Tasks:

- Read the instructions. The short writing tasks often have specific instructions that you must use in order to

answer the question properly, and receive full marks.

- Use up as much of the space provided as you can, without going over.
- Do not spend too much time on these questions. There are much larger writing tasks that will require your attention.