

Christ the King C.S.S.

Grade 10 Literacy Preparation

Helpful Hints

Short Writing Task

- Include a topic sentence with your MAIN IDEA
- Be SPECIFIC
- Include at least 2 REASONS to support your choice
- PROOFREAD for spelling and grammar – (i.e. capitalization, punctuation)

News Report

- Review the INVERTED PYRAMID format for writing a News Report
- Use the space for rough notes to BRAINSTORM
- Include the **5 Ws and H** in your first paragraph (LEAD)
- Make sure you include information about **both** the HEADLINE **and** the PHOTO
- Include quotations to develop your details (make them up!)
- Separate your ideas into paragraphs

Series of Paragraphs (Opinion Piece)

- Use the space for rough notes to OUTLINE ideas
- Budget your space carefully – you MUST fill BOTH pages
- A minimum of 3 paragraphs will get you minimum marks; 4- 5 is advised
- Write an INTRODUCTION that states which side you are on and lists your REASONS
- Each reason/argument that you come up with should have its own paragraph and examples to support it
- Include SPECIFIC examples from real life to support your ideas
- STAY ON TOPIC – do not give background information if it does not prove your point