**Writing a News Report**

**What is it?**

This is a task that requires you to write a news report based on a picture and headline that is provided for you. You must create the details of the story using your own imagination, but it also must be reflective of the picture/headline.You will be evaluated on your ability to create the story, organize the story and follow appropriate news report format.

**TIPS**

**Before you begin...**

* Examine the picture carefully. What ideas can you generate using that image?
* Plan your news report. Think of some specific facts and information that answer the questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? Remember, you have to make up the facts and information. Jot down your ideas in the Rough Notes space.

**Writing a Report**

* Organize your ideas clearly to help your reader follow and understand your news report. The best way to organize a news report is using the inverted pyramid structure.
* When you are explaining the Who? What? When? Where? Why? And How? use specific details.
* For example, don’t just write *Students at a local college participated in a protest against higher tuition fees.*
* Instead, write *Hundreds of* *students at Conestoga College marched through the streets of Kitchener to call attention to the increase in tuition costs set to begin next semester.*
* Write enough to ensure that your reader will feel fully informed about the event.
* Write your report using third person point of view. DO NOT use personal pronouns.
* For example, avoid writing, *We interviewed Jason Smith and he told us that many students couldn’t afford to pay more for their schooling.*
* Instead write *In an interview with Jason Smith, a Design student at Conestoga College, Smith stated that many students can’t afford to pay more for their schooling.*
* Include quotations from people who witnessed or were participants in the story. These quotations should only be a few short sentences but should add detail to your newspaper article. Remember to integrate these quotations correctly into your writing.
* For example, you might write *“I may have to quit school if they increase tuition,” stated Catherine Jones, a Design student. “Many other students will have to go deeper into debt to pay for their schooling.”*
* ***Don’t try to be funny***. Keep your information focused and on point.

**Writing with style**

* Write neatly
* Use proper paragraph format. Every time you begin discussing a new idea or a new element of your news story, begin a new paragraph. Your news report should not appear as a single paragraph. You may choose to use indentations or to leave an extra line between paragraphs
* Use transitions to link your ideas.
* Re-read your answer to make sure all the ideas make sense. If you make changes to your writing, do so as neatly and as clearly as you can.

**Students Protest Tuition Increase**

