

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



# The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Parent Information Evening  
October 18, 2018



When is the test? **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**



## Reading



Information paragraph,  
news report, real-life  
narrative, and a graphic  
text (ie. diagram)



Six-line responses and  
multiple choice



Passages vary in length  
from one paragraph to  
two pages

## Writing



News Report:  
connecting an image  
and a headline (one  
page in length)



Series of Paragraphs:  
a supported opinion  
piece (two pages in  
length)



Six-line responses  
about general topics

## Multiple Choice



Based on both reading  
and writing



Assess the following:  
-Developing a main idea  
-Organizing information  
and ideas  
-Spelling, grammar, and  
punctuation



## How will students prepare?

In Grade 9 English, students were explicitly taught aspects of the test. Additionally, there was a focus on developing close reading skills. In Grade 10 Applied English, there will be a focus on practicing the skills required. At the end of February, all Grade 10 classes (no matter the subject) will participate in a BLITZ, where there is some more practice.

### Getting Ready Guide for Students

Tips and information to prepare for the test

Check out this link: <https://goo.gl/dd2tTP>

### Planning and Preparation Guide

In-depth explanation of the test's tasks

Check out this link: <https://goo.gl/52VjFF>

### Examples from the 2018 Test

Question Booklet is available at: <https://goo.gl/RCgXja>

Answer Booklet is available at: <https://goo.gl/etnboL>

## Pass the Test Program

Starts mid-February

In-class program of direct  
instruction

Free and Voluntary

Twice a week after school

For Grade 10s and 11s

Contact Mrs. Will @ 519-  
938-9355 x271 to sign-  
up

