Literacy Bootcamp: Unit Overview

ENG2D, Grade 10 Academic English, Unit 5. 6 classes of 75 minutes (about a week and a half). Schedule before your school's OSSLT sitting.

The big question

How do strong readers and writers show what they know under time pressure?

A focused, upbeat preparation unit for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, built on original practice passages, games and the official online practice test. All assessment is formative.

Lessons

#	Lesson	Classes	Question	Expectations	What's inside
1	**Know the Test**	1	What does the OSSLT ask?	R 1.3, 1.4, 2.1; W 1.1	Myth or fact vote; five reading strategies; information paragraph practice
2	**Reading Relay**	1	Where do we look in each form?	R 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2	Team relay through a news report, dialogue, narrative and graphic text
3	**Short Answer Speed Build**	1	How do we answer fast and well?	R 1.3, 1.4; W 1.1, 1.4	Answer, Prove, Explain; three timed rounds
4	**Error-Hunt Escape Room**	1	Can we spot the errors?	W 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	Six error patterns; five locked rooms and a code
5	**Opinion Essay Bootcamp**	1	How do we plan and write quickly?	W 1.1, 1.4, 3.4, 3.5	Five-minute plan; timed essay; checklist
6	**Practice Test Day**	1	Are we ready?	R 1.3, 2.1; W 1.4, 3.5	EQAO's online practice test; test-day plan

Assessment

Type	In this unit
Assessment for learning	Practice questions, relay sheets, speed builds, escape-room corrections and the timed essay
Assessment as learning	Goal setting, self-checks, personal error lists and the test-day plan
Assessment of learning	None. This unit is formative preparation for the OSSLT.

About the texts

Every passage and the survey graphic in this unit are original and fictional, written for practice.

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- **EQAO:** eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt, for the current format, dates, accommodations and the free online practice test

The OSSLT has been fully online since 2022, and its format can change. Check EQAO's website before teaching.

What's in each lesson

- Teacher lesson plan with expectations, timed sequence, differentiation, look-fors and answer guides
- Slides with speaker notes
- Student handouts and organizers
- Editable Word and PowerPoint files, plus PDFs

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