INFORMATIVE TEXT

***Year 8 English***

**Learning Intentions:** *We are practicing formulating a research question, finding and evaluating reputable sources of information on the internet, and collating and formatting it into a researched informative text. We are learning to correctly attribute sources with in-text referencing and a bibliography. We are practicing using formal academic language and nominalisation.*

**YOUR TASK: Produce an Informative Text that answers a research question on a topic of your choice. Your text must use correct formal language and cite all sources using in-text referencing and a bibliography.**

Step 1: Formulate a Research Question

* Use the sheet provided to help you choose a topic and develop a specific question.
* Your **topic** can be the same as someone else’s, but your **research question** must be unique.

Step 2: Select & Evaluate your Sources

* Select **three** main sources to rely on for your report. These can be books or online sources. (NOTE: Google is a search engine, NOT a source).
* In your word document, write an evaluation of each source, explaining how you can tell it is a reliable source of information. Use points from the “AABC” Source Evaluation Checklist.

Step 3: Paraphrasing, Summarising & Quoting

* Copy and paste any passages of relevant information from your sources into your document.
* Using the highlighter tool in Word, highlight any passages you will quote, paraphrase or summarise in your informative text.

Step 4: Write your informative text

* Using formal academic language, write 3-4 PEEL paragraphs of information about your topic.
* **You must use nominalisation at least once in your text**. Use the comment feature in Word to indicate the sentences you have nominalised.
* Use correctly formatted in-text references for any information you have quoted, paraphrased, or summarised from your sources. You must include at least one quote per paragraph.
* Underneath your information, create a bibliography using correct formatting.

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| **Performance Standards** | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |
| **Research**   * Formulated a clear & focused research question * Selected three relevant & reliable sources * Evaluated sources effectively using source evaluation criteria * Highlighted key information |  |  |  |  |
| **Writing**   * Summarised, paraphrased, or quoted information from sources in own words * Paragraphs were structured correctly using PEEL format |  |  |  |  |
| **Referencing**   * Used in-text references to cite sources * Included at least one correctly formatted quote per paragraph * Created a bibliography with correct formatting |  |  |  |  |
| **Language**   * Used formal academic language * Used complete sentences with correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation * Used nominalisation correctly and effectively |  |  |  |  |

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