



2020 LICA Writing Contest Prompt

Section II: Functional Writing *(Suggested time—40 minutes)*

Read the situation below and complete the assignment that follows.

The Situation

Your name is Taylor Greene and you attend Kindler Elementary School. You are a reporter for your school's newspaper. Recently, John Alms from the Alberta Lake Management Society, gave a presentation at your school about blue-green algae blooms. You attended the presentation and have been asked to write a news article for your school's newspaper about blue-green algae blooms.

Assignment

Write a news article that will inform the readers about the presentation you attended. Write about some of the interesting information you learned about blue-green algae blooms.

When writing your news article, **be sure to**

- **provide** readers with information that will support the purpose of the news article
- **use** a style of writing appropriate for a news article
- **use** a style of writing appropriate for the audience

Use the information provided on page 2 to assist you as you write your news article.



News Article Notes

<p>Who was involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the entire school- John Alms from Alberta Lake Management Society <p>What happened?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- you attended a presentation about blue-green algae blooms <p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- last week <p>Where?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- at Kindler Elementary School <p>Purpose of the presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to provide information about blue-green algae blooms- to provide information about how people can help prevent blue-green algae blooms	<p>Information about blue-green algae blooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- form a scum on the lake- look like pea soup- are also called cyanobacteria blooms- can make the water not safe to swim in- are made of bacteria that produce energy through photosynthesis- can make people and animals sick if they touch it- can decrease the oxygen in the lake, which can harm fish- produce toxins harmful to animals and people- can be caused by extra nutrients in lakes that come from fertilizer, manure, dog poop, or pesticides washing into lakes- removing aquatic plants from the shoreline and the water does not prevent algae blooms- Cold Lake had a bloom in August 2019- Moose Lake had a bloom in July 2019- can be prevented by keeping a natural shoreline with many native plants- can be prevented by picking up dog poop and using less fertilizers and pesticides to stop extra nutrients from washing into lakes
---	---

You do not have to use all of the information provided on this page.

You may include additional appropriate information in your news article.