

2022 LICA Writing Contest Prompt

Section II: Functional Writing

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, Daisy Planter from Lakeland Gardening Club came to your school to teach your class how to grow a garden. You attended her presentation and you have been asked to write a news article for your school's newspaper about different ways to garden at school. You took notes during the presentation to help you remember the information Daisy shared.

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 gardening.

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 notes provided on page 2 to assist you as you write your news article.

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News Article Notes

<p>Who was involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Your class- Daisy Planter from Lakeland Gardening Club <p>What happened?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- you attended a presentation about gardening at school <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 gardening- to provide information about how gardening is beneficial for schools- to provide information about how your school can add more gardening activities	<p>Information about school gardens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gardens are used to grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers- All plants need five things to grow: water, sunlight, air, food (nutrients), and space- Plants grow from seeds. Seeds grow into plants when we place them in moist soil- Plants breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen, which cleans our air- Gardening is a good way to get exercise and improve mental health- Growing food at school makes kids more likely to eat fruits and vegetables- Growing our own food is good for the environment because it doesn't need to be transported to us from other countries, which means it has a smaller carbon footprint- Gardens can be big or small, and can be grown inside or outside- Small gardens can be grown inside the classroom in containers. Indoor gardens need special bright lights to provide sunlight for the plants- Some plants grow better outside (carrots, beets, potatoes) and some grow better inside (tomatoes, herbs, green onions)- Some schools have outside gardens where the whole school can plant together. Some schools have community gardens, where neighbours can come to one place to garden together
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You do not have to use all the information provided on this page. You may include additional appropriate information from other sources in your news article.