**Reference Page for Teachers**

**The Article Writing Toolkit** can be used with students currently registered in the second cycle Core, EESL or ELA programs. Students should be exposed to various text types throughout the academic year. However, during the third term, secondary 5 students should practice the text type they will be evaluated on in June.

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| **Text Types for June MELS Evaluations** | |
| **Core Program** | **Opinion Piece** |
| **EESL Program** | **Feature Article** |
| **ELA Program** | **Choice: Comment/Analysis, Feature Article or Opinion piece** |

This **Article Writing Toolkit** is used to teach students the essential elements of different types of newspaper articles. In the students notes document called **Article Writing**, news articles and editorials are described (as a **foundation** of newspaper articles) to review what should have been worked on in either secondary 3 or 4. Therefore, no activities accompany those text types. The authentic texts in this toolkit are geared towards secondary 5 students and are scaffolded in order of difficulty (**proficiency**). With the help of their teacher, students deconstruct various articles to become familiar with the writing techniques used for each type. Certain activities are provided to help students identify text features present in the authentic articles provided in this toolkit. Students can practice and reinvest some of the techniques described in the notes section by writing their own articles.

**The Article Writing Toolkit** contains the following documents:

* Notes for students: Article Writing – Comparison – 8 pages
* 10 authentic articles to deconstruct with students – 30 pages
* Activities for students – 4 pages
* A reference page for teachers – this page

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| **Titles** | **Types of Articles** | |
| And Justice for Youth…? | Comment/Analysis | 6p. |
| Canada’s Stance on Abortion Ignores Reality | Opinion Piece | 2p. |
| Cellphones Replace Smokes as the Addiction of Choice | Opinion Piece | 2p. |
| Private Classes Help Children boost their English skills | Feature Article | 3p. |
| And the Oscar Winner Is… Pretty Predictable | Opinion Piece | 3p. |
| Gun Control: Crime and the Registry | Comment/Analysis | 4p. |
| It Has to Stop, ex-Hab Tells Students | Feature Article | 2p. |
| Practice Makes Perfect at McGill Lab | Feature Article | 3p. |
| Ottawa’s Coldest Winter in 20 Years | Feature Article | 2p. |
| Half-French, Half-English, Completely Hilarious | Opinion Piece | 3p. |