

Assignment I: Narrative / Essay Writing (suggested time—70 minutes)

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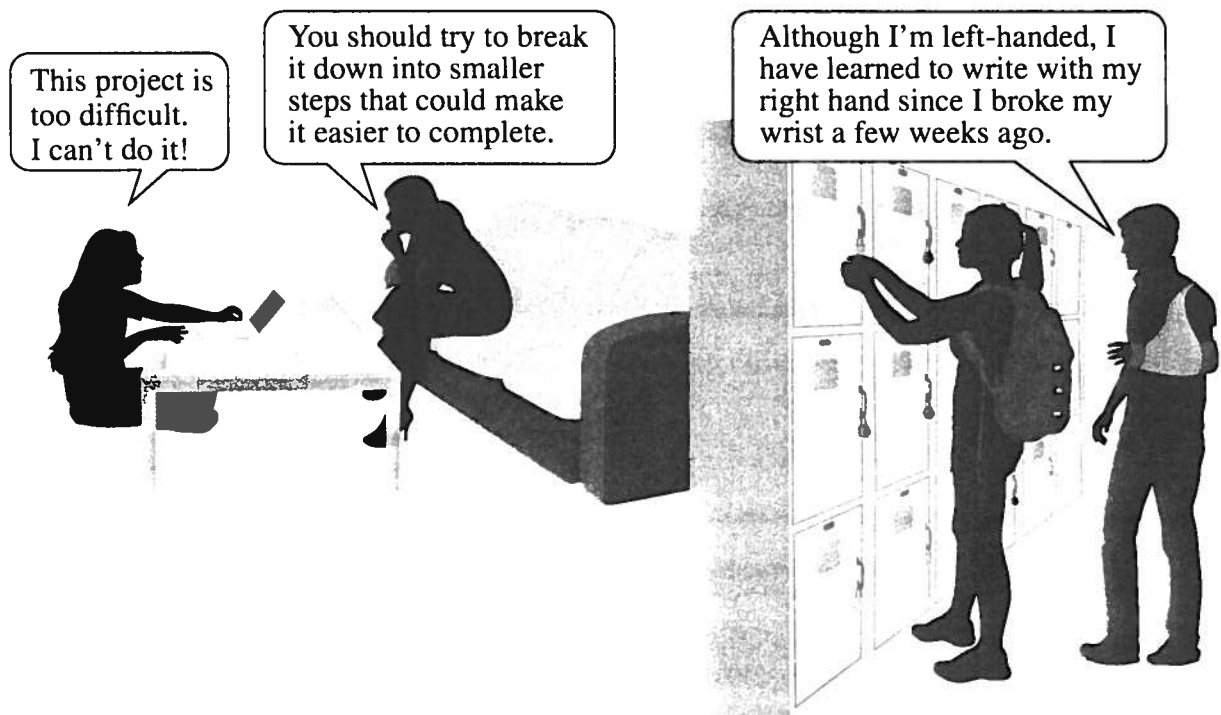
Write either a narrative or an essay about **the importance of overcoming obstacles in life**. You may wish to write about yourself or other people, real or fictional. You may set your writing in the past, present, or future.

Ideas

The following material may give you ideas for your writing. **You do not have to refer directly to any of it.** Consider the knowledge and experience you have gained from reading, listening, viewing, discussing, thinking, or imagining.

Another source of greatness is difficulty. When any work seems to have required immense force and labour to effect it, the idea is grand.
—*Edmund Burke*

Nothing upon earth is without its difficulties! It is the secret impulse within, it is the love and the delight we feel, that help us to conquer obstacles, to clear out new paths, and to overleap the bounds of that narrow circle in which others poorly toil.
—*Johann Goethe*



First by right comes the true explorer, for whom travel is not a means, but an end in itself. ... For him the life of the trail, the triumph over obstacles, the thrill of danger, are things in themselves desirable and beyond price; his reward lies not in the attainment, but in the quest.

—*Roland Dixon*

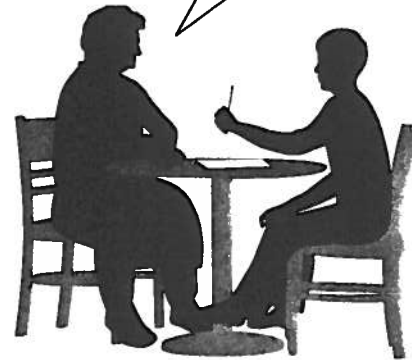
I believe that difficulties are more important to the human mind than what we call assistances. Work we all must, if we mean to bring out and perfect our nature. Even if we do not work with the hands, we must undergo equivalent toil in some other direction. No business or study which does not present obstacles, tasking to the full the intellect and the will, is worthy of a man.

—*William Channing*

We lost our first game but, if we practise and work together as a team, we will win the next one!



When I moved to Canada, I had to learn English in order to get a job. Hard work and determination helped me gain the skills I needed to be successful.



When writing, be sure to

- **consider your audience**
- **focus on your purpose and point of view**
- **organize your thoughts** appropriately in sentences and paragraphs
- **use vocabulary** that is interesting and effective
- **edit your work** directly on your writing
- **budget your time**

Assignment II: Functional Writing (suggested time—40 minutes)

Read the situation below and complete the assignment that follows.

Situation

You are Kelly Greer, a student at Tremont School. You and many other students believe that, in addition to the classes and extracurricular activities offered at your school, a work-experience program should be established.

A work-experience program could provide students with benefits that may include:

- part-time employment at local businesses
- work done after school and/or on weekends
- having first-hand experience in various occupations
- gaining expertise in areas of personal interest
- life skills

To explore the possibility of establishing a work-experience program at your school, you have decided to ask businesses in the city of Markland to participate in such a program. You have chosen to write a business letter to Ms. Jill Robertson, the chairperson of the Markland Chamber of Commerce, an organization made up of business owners who promote the economic interests of the city.

Students selected for the program would demonstrate enthusiasm, initiative, and a willingness to learn. These students would not need to be paid wages for their work. In your letter, you intend to convince Ms. Robertson and the other members of the Markland Chamber of Commerce of the benefits of participating in a work-experience program.

Assignment

Write a business letter to Ms. Jill Robertson, chairperson of the Markland Chamber of Commerce, to **persuade her and the business owners who are members to participate in a work-experience program**. Provide enough information to **convince Ms. Robertson and her colleagues of the advantages of this program for both students and businesses**.

When writing, **be sure to**

- **identify the purpose** of the letter
- **explain** the details of the **situation** and **request**
- **organize** your **thoughts** appropriately in sentences and paragraphs
- **use vocabulary** that is appropriate and effective
- **sign** your **letter** Kelly Greer—**do not sign your own name**
- **address** the **envelope** on page 13

Address Information

Use the following information for your letter and to address the envelope below.

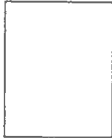
Ms. Jill Robertson

The office of the Markland Chamber of Commerce is located in the city of Markland, Alberta, at 621 Riverside Way. The postal code is T4C 3H0. The chairperson is Ms. Jill Robertson.

Kelly Greer

Kelly Greer lives in the town of Washburn, Alberta. Kelly's post office box number is 8022. The postal code is T2M 9Z3.

Envelope

<p>KELLY GREER PO BOX 8022 WASHBURN AB T2M 9Z3</p>	<p>MS. JILL ROBERTSON MARKLAND OF COMMERCE 621 RIVERSIDE WAY WASHBURN AB T4C 3H0</p>	
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