

Performance Assessment Task

Local Government: Finding Your Way

You are a volunteer with a local organization whose purpose is to support new Canadian citizens in learning about the structure and function of local government. You have also been asked to provide information that describes what active and responsible citizenship means as a resident of your local community.

Use the following steps to guide the development of the materials.

Describe local government.

- How are representatives chosen to form a local government?
- What are the responsibilities of local government?

Describe responsible citizenship.

- Describe three examples of important ways that citizens can act responsibly within a local representative democracy.
- Explain why these examples are important to the functioning of our democratic system.

Communicate information.

- You may select from a variety of formats to present your materials:
 - pamphlet;
 - webpage;
 - PowerPoint; or
 - a chapter to be included in a resource for new immigrants.

Communicate the information in a respectful manner that will be understandable to your intended audience. Submit the completed materials to the Director (your teacher).

Rubric: Local Government: Finding Your Way

Student _____

Level Criteria	Excellent	Proficient	Adequate	Limited *	Insufficient / Blank *
Describe local government (6.1.4.1, 6.1.4.2)	Provides an in-depth description of the election process and functions of local government.	Provides a substantial description of the election process and functions of local government.	Provides a cursory description of the election process and functions of local government.	Provides an incomplete description of the election process and functions of local government.	No score is awarded because there is insufficient evidence of student performance based on the requirements of the assessment task.
Describe examples of responsible citizenship (6.1.2.3)	Provides a precise description of actions that demonstrate responsible citizenship and provides significant reasons why these examples are important.	Provides a thoughtful description of actions that demonstrate responsible citizenship and provides meaningful reasons why these examples are important.	Provides a predictable description of actions that demonstrate responsible citizenship and provides obvious reasons why these examples are important.	Provides a trivial description of actions that demonstrate responsible citizenship and provides tenuous reasons why these examples are important.	
Communicate information (6.S.8.1, 6.S.8.2, 6.S.8.7)	Communicates information in a skillful manner to engage the reader.	Communicates information in an effective manner to interest the reader.	Communicates information in a straight-forward manner that generally holds the attention of the reader.	Communicates information in an ineffective manner that does little to sustain attention of the reader.	

* When work is judged to be limited or insufficient, the teacher makes decisions about appropriate intervention to help the student improve.