**Added Value Unit: Discursive Writing**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Outcomes**

* Understanding and evaluating straightforward texts
* Selecting relevant information from the texts
* Presenting findings on the topic
* Responding to oral questions relevant to the topic

**Discursive Writing: Planning and Reading**

1. Choose 2 of the texts you used to investigate your topic. It would be useful to choose 2 which adopt differing stances towards the same topic. You can choose a news article, documentary, poster or pamphlet…..

Write them down below

**Text 1:**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Text 2:**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Write down the purpose of each text giving clear reasons for your answer. You may quote from the text or explain in your own words

Text 1: PURPOSE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

REASONS/EVIDENCE:

Text 2: PURPOSE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

REASONS/EVIDENCE:

1. Write down the main ideas/information in each text

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| **Text 1: Main Ideas** | **Text 2: Main Ideas** |
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1. You now need to evaluate the texts you have chosen. This means you should look at how effective and useful they have been.

Try to be as detailed as you can. You could comment on the format/layout/structure, the language used, how well the information/ideas are presented and any other aspect you find interesting.

How successful are your texts?

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| **Text 1: Effectiveness** | **Text 2: Effectiveness** |
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1. **Which text did you prefer and why?**
2. **NOW** you will go on to present your findings about these texts.

You can choose to write a **700 word essay** or to prepare a **5 minute solo presentation**.

Include:

**Introduction** –

State your subject.

Explain why you chose that subject.

Name the 2 texts that you are comparing.

**Focus** –

State the purpose and audience for each text

**Main Ideas** –

Summarise the main ideas from the first text

Summarise the main ideas form the second text

Comment on similarities and differences

**Evaluation-**

Compare the language used in each text

Compare the layout used in each text

**Conclusion**

Explain how well each text met its purpose

State which you preferred an why.

1. You will **ALSO** be expected to respond to questions about your findings

You will be expected to respond to questions about your investigation. You might be asked, for example

* Why did you choose the topic?
* Why did you choose these texts?
* Which text did you prefer and why?
* Could you tell me more about….?
* What have you learned from the texts?
* Would you recommend others to read/listen to the texts and why?

Keep a note of **answers** here

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