

English 030-2 Challenge Exam – Part A Information

Part A of the NorQuest ENGL 030-2 Challenge Exam is worth 50% of the total Challenge Examination. It consists of three writing assignments:

Assignment I:	Visual Reflection – 10%
Assignment II:	Literary Exploration – 25%
Assignment III:	Persuasive Writing in Context – 15%

Complete the assignments in order as they are designed to help you succeed. Assignment I is designed to help you reflect upon ideas that you may also explore in Assignment II. Assignment III provides you with information to use in your writing.

The assignments are thematically linked, but are not identical. You must complete all three assignments.

Assignment I: Visual Reflection

Definition: The Visual Reflections is a response that demonstrates a connection of the details in the visual to your own ideas. You must create a controlling idea. You may include personal interpretations. You may respond personally, critically, or creatively.

Sample Wording:

The wording of the question for the Visual Reflection will be

**What ideas and impressions does the photograph suggest to you?
Consider the context, and develop your response by referring to the
photograph.**

You must write using prose (do not create a poem). **You must reference the photograph and you must include your own thoughts that extend to an idea.**

The Visual Reflection is graded on the following:

- Ideas and Impressions
- Presentation

Assignment II: Literary Exploration

Definition: A Literary Exploration is an essay that explains a piece of literature and includes your opinion supported by example of the assigned topic. You must create a controlling idea and carry the idea into every paragraph.

Sample Wording:

The wording of the question for a Literary Exploration will be

What is your opinion of the idea that _____?

Be prepared to write about a piece of literature that *you have read or seen prior to writing the Challenge Exam*. You may use the literature provided in the examination in addition to your prepared literary choice. Any one of the following literary texts is appropriate:

- a short story
- a novel
- a movie
- a drama or play

The Literary Exploration is graded on the following:

- Thought & Support
- Form & Structure
- Matters of Choice (style of writing)
- Matters of Correctness of writing

Assignment III: Persuasive Writing in Context

Definition: Persuasive Writing in Context requires you to write a speech or a letter either to accept or reject a proposal. Information supporting and refuting the proposal is provided on the exam for you to use. You may also include your own points of argument.

Sample Wording:

The wording of the question for Persuasive Writing in Context will be

Write a speech or letter that will persuade an organization either to accept or reject the proposal to _____.

You must present a clear argument that **accepts** or **rejects** the proposal and explains the reasons behind your decision. You should show that you have considered both sides to the argument. You may use the information provided on the exam in your argument. Use an appropriate tone.

Sample Outlines for Assignments II and III are provided on the following pages.

Assignment II: Literary Exploration Outline

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH (explore the topic and present the ideas for each body paragraph)	
Opening discussion:	_____ <i>key word from topic</i> _____ _____ _____
Controlling idea:	_____ <i>key word from topic</i> _____ _____
Topics of Body paragraphs:	_____ <i>body paragraph 1, body paragraph 2, body paragraph 3</i> _____ _____
BODY PARAGRAPH (discuss a piece of literature)	
Topic Sentence:	_____
Explanation & example	_____ _____
Concluding Sentence:	_____ <i>key word from topic</i> _____
BODY PARAGRAPH (discuss your own example)	
Topic Sentence:	_____
Explanation & example	_____ _____
Concluding Sentence:	_____ <i>key word from topic</i> _____
BODY PARAGRAPH (discuss the excerpt provided on the exam)	
Topic Sentence:	_____
Explanation & example	_____ _____
Concluding Sentence:	_____ <i>key word from topic</i> _____
CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH	
Connection to topic:	_____ <i>key word from topic & body paragraphs 1, 2, & 3</i> _____ _____
Closing Comment:	_____ _____

Assignment III: Persuasive Writing in Context Outline

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce yourself: your name, background, and prove your knowledge• State your purpose and the topic (your opinion)
SUPPORTING PARAGRAPH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledge the opposite side of the argument.• Argue your side of the argument including specific reasons, facts, and details.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledge the opposite side of the argument.• Argue your side of the argument including specific reasons, facts, and details.
CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restate your opinion• Call for action• Include a contact number if writing a letter• Thank your audience

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