

WRITING A REFLECTION STATEMENT ON YOUR CREATIVE WRITING

A **reflection statement** for English asks you to do 2 main things:

- 1) **Justify your choices** in the piece of writing you have created
- 2) Use **evaluative language** to communicate how well you have achieved your aims.

In order to ensure that you have included all the important elements of a thorough reflection statement, you need to remember the following guide: **A.I.S.L.E.**

AIM

INFLUENCE/INSPIRATION

STRUCTURE

LANGUAGE

EVALUATION

This is a checklist. You need to write a reflection that has these elements throughout. You can combine your **AIM** and **INFLUENCE** and you should use **EVALUATIVE LANGUAGE** when you are describing your **structure** and **language**.

CHECKLIST:

Step 1. Aim: Begin by stating what your **goal** was with this piece of writing.

- **What was your purpose?** To scare, intrigue, engage, inform, anger, entertain?
- **What genre** were you trying to create? (Eg: Horror, action, romance, comedy, etc).

Step 2. Influence: Here, you need to discuss what inspired you during the writing process.

- What other writers have inspired you? What other texts gave you ideas to try in your own writing?
- **Where can we see it in your piece?**
- What research have you done or websites have you visited to help gather ideas?

Step 3. Structure: **Explain the reasons why** you have used certain **structural features** such as: sentence length, paragraphing, punctuation, first, second or third person, dialogue, etc. Be sure to link it to your aim.

Step 4. Language: **Explain the reasons why** you made certain language choices, such as: figurative language, word choice/connotation, tone. Link it to your aim.

Step 5. Evaluation: **Use Evaluative language.** These words show how you can measure your success in achieving your aim. Evaluative language includes words such as:

Evaluative Language

- Successfully
 - Effectively
 - Skilfully
 - Creatively
 - Cleverly
 - Imaginatively
 - Powerfully
 - Emotively
 - Evocatively
 - Realistically
 - Harrowingly
 - Disturbingly
 - Poignantly
- *This successful portrayal of...*
 - *The powerful way in which...*
 - *The setting is effective in...*
- and in honour of Miss Ross...

Evaluative words for arguments



Not important

trivial		similarly		essential
mildly	quite		exacerbated	most important
mediocre	important			fundamental
passive		on level		of unparalleled
		with		significance
insignificant		effective	central	critical
	with little	to an		crucial
vaguely	impact	extent	hugely	
marginal			affected	vital
minimal	of some	of equal		incomparable
	value	importance		

Very important