

A Simple Guide to Commentary Writing

What is my text? Purpose, audience and genre

How has my text been influenced by the style model?

Language use: *Graphology?* How do the writing, printing and images contribute to the meaning?

Phonetics/phonology? How does voice contribute to the meaning?

Lexis? How do the words that you chose contribute to the meaning?

Pragmatics? How do social conventions and implied meanings contribute?

Grammar? How do the structures work?

Discourse? How does the whole text fit together? Are there particular groups or institutions represented?

Looking at the mark scheme:

Have I: AO1 Selected and applied a range of linguistic methods?
Used appropriate terminology?
Used coherent and accurate written expression?

AO2 Show that I understand my genre and the language appropriate to it?
Give well chosen examples from my work to prove it?

AO3 Show that I understand my purpose and audience?
Made clear and well chosen links between my style model and my text
to prove it?