

2013 Comp B

Opinion Piece

The Question

- ✦ *Write an opinion piece, for inclusion in a series of newspaper articles entitled: 'Must-see Attractions for Tourists', in which you identify one place or public building in Ireland that, in your opinion, tourists should visit and explain your choice.*



Consider the following...

- ✿ *Task? Opinion piece, feature article in a newspaper.*
- ✿ *Content? Describe the attraction and explain why it is worth visiting.*



- ✿ *Audience? Any readers of the newspaper. The type of paper is not specified but you can safely assume a fairly general readership because the article is aimed at anyone who might visit your chosen tourist attraction.*
- ✿ *It is not specified that the tourists have to be foreign! People can be tourists within their own country. A tourist is simply someone travelling or visiting a place for pleasure.*

Register

- ✿ *You can be serious, humorous, formal or informal. It's up to you. Stick to your chosen register throughout the piece.*



Remember!

- ✿ *Stick to ONE place or public building. This was made clear in the question.*
- ✿ **Inform** - *give plenty of information about your chosen place. If you don't have information, choose a different Comp B task*
- ✿ **Describe** - *use plenty of positive adjectives and adverbs*
- ✿ **Persuade** - *use features of the language of persuasion: anecdotes, quotes, rhetorical questions etc.*

The examiner will reward...

- ✿ - *clear appreciation of the task*
- ✿ - *consistency of register*
- ✿ - *power of conviction/persuasion*
- ✿ - *sense of personal voice*
- ✿ - *quality of the writing*



Sample Answer

- ★ *Here's one I wrote earlier...*
- ★ <https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/ebooks.educateplus.ie/English+Leaving+-+Higher+SOLUTIONS+2015.pdf>

