Stage 1 English as an Additional Language

Assessment Type 1: Responding to Texts (literary texts)

Task 2

Dave Isay opened the first StoryCorps booth in New York’s Grand Central Terminal in 2003 with the intention of creating a quiet place where a person could honour someone who mattered to them by interviewing them and listening to their story. Since then, StoryCorps has evolved into the single largest collection of human voices ever recorded. Isay aims to grow this digital archive of the collective wisdom of humanity.

Dave Isay’s Ted talk can be located at <https://www.ted.com/talks/dave_isay_everyone_around_you_has_a_story_the_world_needs_to_hear>

**What you need to do:**

1. Listen to the whole talk once to gain a general impression.
2. Listen to the talk again, write down words that are new to you, and then look up in a dictionary.
3. Listen a third time, taking notes about the information, ideas and opinions expressed.

**Your task is to produce a written summary of the information, ideas and opinions expressed in the talk.**

A written response to texts should be a maximum of 600 words

In this task you should:

* demonstrate comprehension and interpretation of the information, ideas and opinions in the talk (Cp1)
* use language features and conventions appropriate to a summary (Ap1)
* write concisely to include the essential information or ideas from the talk
* avoid putting your own opinions into the summary as it should be objective
* present information in the same order as it appears in the talk
* paraphrase information, using your own words rather than copying phrases from the source text
* use quotation marks if you quote directly
* produce clear and coherent writing, using appropriate vocabulary (C1)
* write in clear paragraphs with topic sentences
* use interesting and diverse words
* demonstrate grammatical control and complexity (C2)
* use a variety of different sentences structures to keep the writing interesting.

(This activity links with Assessment Type 2: Interactive Study, the interview. When you complete your interview for Assessment Type 2 you could choose to share your interview with the world and upload the interview to <https://storycorps.me/> . In this way you could assist Isay in his goal to create an archive of the wisdom of humanity.)