## TERM 1 2025 | 17th April | DAY 4 | HOLIDAY WRITING

## **Section 1:**

- #1: Opening statements about casualties and conditions Strengths: Your writing creates a sense of urgency with strong imagery about the destruction in Ukraine. Your description of "piles of bricks and dirt" helps readers visualise the devastation. Weakness: Overgeneralisation → Your casualty figure of "500,000 people" appears without citation and is presented as fact, which weakens credibility. The repeated emphasis on destruction without specific examples or locations makes your reporting seem vague rather than precise. Exemplar: "According to United Nations estimates, the civilian death toll in Ukraine has reached tens of thousands, with countless buildings reduced to rubble in cities like Kharkiv, Mariupol and parts of Kviv."
- #2: Middle section with citation Strengths: You've incorporated an external source (Britannica) which adds credibility to your writing. You provide some historical context about how the conflict began in 2014. Weakness: Fragmented structure → The citation is inserted abruptly without proper introduction or elaboration on its significance. The paragraph shifts between historical background, current state, and vague predictions without a coherent flow. Exemplar: "The roots of this conflict stretch back to February 2014, when, according to Britannica, 'Russia's covert invasion of Crimea followed by the seizure of territory in the Donbas region' began a conflict that would claim over 14,000 lives even before the full-scale 2022 invasion."
- #3: Conclusion with emotional appeal Strengths: Your conclusion attempts to engage readers emotionally by asking rhetorical questions that encourage empathy. You're trying to create a connection between the reader and those suffering in Ukraine. Weakness: Repetitive questioning → The series of "why" questions becomes repetitive without advancing your argument or providing readers with actionable information. The emotional appeal lacks balance with factual information about international responses or potential solutions. Exemplar: "As families are torn apart and civilians continue to suffer, the international community faces difficult questions about its responsibility to protect innocent lives caught in this devastating conflict that has now entered its third year."

■ Your news article shows passion about the topic, but needs more structured reporting with verified facts. The piece would benefit from clearer organisation with distinct sections covering the background, current situation, human impact, and international response. Additionally, you could strengthen your writing by including specific examples rather than general statements about destruction. Also, your article needs more varied sentence structures and transitions between ideas to improve flow. Your emotional appeals would be more effective if balanced with factual reporting about humanitarian aid efforts or diplomatic initiatives. Try to maintain a more journalistic tone throughout rather than shifting between reporting and persuasive writing. Finally, consider including perspectives from different stakeholders rather than presenting only one view of the conflict.

Overall Score: 39/50

## **Section 2:**

## **Breaking News**

Russia and Ukraine war gets worse with every second as we speak! Ukraine is a pile of rubble. Everywhere you look there is [there are] piles of bricks and dirt. In Ukraine, there is [are] around 500 000 people that have died excluding soldiers. Hospitality is extremely low as there are not very many places to host hospitality [refugees]. Nowhere is safe. People are hungry and lost. As the war worsens, more people are suffering. Ukraine needs all the help it can get to fight against Russia. People, utilities, hospitality, and food are the four most important things that Ukraine needs. Russia has everything that you could want but Ukraine has very few utilities that they need to survive.

#1 "The Russo-Ukrainian War, which erupted in February 2014, was initially triggered by Russia's eonvert [covert] invasion of Crimea, followed by the seizure of territory in the Donbas region by Russian forces and local proxies. This initial conflict saw the annexation of Crimea and ongoing fighting in eastern Ukraine, resulting in over 14 000 casualties before the full-scale invasion of February 2022. The 2022 invasion expanded the war significantly." says Britannia [Britannica]. Many people think that the Russia-Ukraine war will never end, but once a deal is made between the two eountry's [countries] the war will be over and there shall be peace once and for all.

In Ukraine there is [are] around 500 000 troops left to fight against Russia. "The Russian economy has suffered a modest 1.2 percent decline in 2022, with a 3.6 percent growth in 2023" says CSIS.

#2 Now Ukraine is a country that is a pile of dirt. Very few buildings are left standing as most have been bombed and knocked down to the ground. People are terrified and scared of losing their family members. Family's [Families] have been separated and some killed. I mean think about it do [would] you want to lose your parents or siblings, or have them killed in war? Nobody would.

#3 So why are we letting it happen in Russia and Ukraine. Why? Why are we letting this happen? They are people just like us who deserve to live their own life without war. If we deserve peace, why don't they deserve peace from this horrible war that seems to never end. "Before 5 a.m. Kyiv time on 24 February, Putin, in another speech, announced a "special military operation", which effectively declared war on Ukraine. Putin said the operation was to "protect the people" of the Russian-controlled breakaway" says Britannica.