

Answering Strategy

1. Text type and format – This is a report. There is no fixed format, but effective paragraphing is essential to delivering the messages clearly. Title your report.
2. Genre – This is a piece of descriptive and argumentative writing. Provide a detailed account of the positions on books about the supernatural held by both the positive and negative sides. Also describe the contents of these book. Argue for one of the two positions.
3. Language and formality – The language of a report should be formal and factual. Describe the arguments of the two opposing sides in the third person. Use the pronoun 'we' to refer to yourself and the committee in general. Use the past tense for past events. The tone should be neutral and detached, since the chief librarian will be reading.
4. Organisation – At the beginning of the report, state your purpose by mentioning e.g. the why, when, what of the meeting. In the following few paragraphs, give the arguments on both sides. At the end, briefly describe the final decision of the committee, as well as their reasons. Organise the paragraphs, and sentences in each paragraph, with cohesive devices.
5. Topic and vocabulary – The topic of this report is books and the supernatural. Draw on your own experience. Also refer to the following vocabulary for suggestions about ideas.

Useful vocabulary and expressions

Verbs / verb phrases

broaden someone's horizons	開拓某人的視野
dabble in	涉獵
distort	歪曲
embrace	欣然接受
keep up with the times	與時俱進
lead somebody astray	使某人誤入歧途
romanticise	浪漫化
torment	折磨
trace back to	追溯到

Nouns / noun phrases

access to	對……有使用權
ancient myths and folklores	古代神話和民間傳說
complexity	複雜性
diversity	多樣性
era	時代
exposure to excessive violence	接觸過度暴力
fallen angels	墮天使
genre	類型
gods and goddesses	眾神
idle amusement	打發閒暇的娛樂
legacy	遺留問題
legend	傳說
myth	神話

origin	起源
parody	諷諧模仿作品
patron saints	守護神
predicament	困境
thirst	渴望
unspeakable crime	難以言說的罪行
value judgement	價值判斷

Adjectives

acclaimed	廣受歡迎的
ample	充足的
charismatic	有魅力的
empathetic	感同身受的
evil	邪惡的
gimmicky	有噱頭的
gruesome	可怕的
immortal	長生不死的
monstrous	怪異的
sought-after	受歡迎的
tragic	悲慘的
vital	至關重要的

Others

in the light of	鑒於
on behalf of	代表