

# Performance Task Assessment

**Title:** Living Here or There

**Suggested Pacing:** Lessons 3-4

**Rubric:** Opinion Tri 1

**Graded Traits:** Ideas/Organization/Conventions

## Teacher Directions:

Students are given the texts, research, and any additional information about the assignment. Assure that sufficient blank paper and writing utensils are available for student note-taking. (Read “How Tia Lola Came to Stay” during your regular reading program.)

## Student Directions:

Read all directions, the assignment, and the rubric before beginning any part of the performance task.

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### Part 1 [35 minutes]

1. Read “How Tia Lola Came to Stay,” Dominican Republic article, and watch two videos about Vermont. Take notes because you may want to refer to your notes while writing.
2. Answer the given questions. They will help you think about the sources you’ve read, which should help you write. You can refer back to the sources when you think it would be helpful.

### Questions:

- What are some advantages of living in the Dominican Republic?
- What are some disadvantages of living in the Dominican Republic?
- What are some advantages of living in Vermont?
- What are some disadvantages of living in Vermont?

### Part 2 [70 minutes]

1. Plan your writing.
2. Write your opinion essay. You may use your notes and refer to the sources as you write.
3. Revise and edit the final draft of your opinion essay.

### Assignment:

Compose a three-paragraph opinion essay on which environment you would choose to live [Dominican Republic or Vermont], referring to details from the text and videos. Provide three reasons why you would prefer to live in the chosen area. Review the attached rubric to see how your writing will be scored.