



## **INSTRUCTOR HANDOUT R.A.F.T. Writing Assignment**

### **R.A.F.T.: R-ole; A-udience; F-ormat; T-opic**

The R.A.F.T. writing assignment is an excellent strategy for students to place themselves in a particular role or historical time period and may be utilized for any topic. The Internet has many ideas and suggestions for all subject areas by searching keyword R.A.F.T. The key to a successful R.A.F.T. assignment is to emphasize to students they are completing the topic from a perspective other than their own.

### **Role: What role will be assigned?**

The students could all be assigned one role, or student groups could research a specific role and share the outcome with the class. Assign roles prior to the Internet search allowing students an opportunity to research information pertinent to their role.

Suggested Roles for Assessing elections: *election observer, reporter, out-going candidate, presidential hopeful, voter, candidate hopeful*

### **Audience: Who are the students intended audience?**

They are writing to the *general public* about their evaluation of the particular elections studied.

### **Format: What task is best for completing the assignment?**

The instructor may select the best option for the class or give students a menu of ideas. The students may write a paper in the form of a newspaper article, write a letter to the editor, or give a live newscast report covering the elections. The format is dependent on the skills the instructor wants emphasized and the time permitted for the lesson.

### **Topic: What is the topic of the R.A.F.T. assignment**

In this case, the topic is: *Election Watch Nigeria: Is it Free and Fair?*

The instructor may pose the question as future tense if this election is completed prior to the election, or past tense if the students will evaluate the elections after they are held.

### **Tips for Instructors:**

**Assign minimum and maximum length of R.A.F.T. written assignment**

**Set a minimum number of sources that must be cited for research material**