**Written Task 1 Rationale Guidelines**

The rationale must answer:

1. What the **main idea and purpose** of your writing is.
2. What your inspiration was and what your one **primary source** is.
3. What **text type** your work is and why it is a good fit for your purpose and content
4. What approximately 3 main/crucial **conventions or hallmarks of the language of that text type** are and how you emulated those
5. What the **specific context** ( where would it be read/published) of your text would be.
6. Who you are writing as and to **( author and intended audience)**
7. How your work ties into one **Learning Outcome of Part 1**.
8. What your topic says about **language in a cultural context**/ how it ties in to one **Suggested Topic of Part 1**.

You could follow the above order or not, but the rationale must be clear, coherent and concise. The maximum is **300 words**, so you do not have the luxury of being wordy or decorative. Use academic register and professional tone, but clear language is much more important here than fancy language.

On average, one sentence on each of the above (maybe 2 for #4) should take you somewhere pretty close to 300 words.

In the end, the tie-in to one suggested Topic is even more important that the connection to learning outcome for the Written Task. There is a relationship between Written Tasks and Suggested Topics, so #8 is important. It is suggested to put it last for emphasis.