

ESSAY

The word 'Essay' is derived from a Latin word 'Exagium', which roughly translates to presenting one's case. So essays are a short piece of writing representing one's side of the argument or one's experiences, stories, etc. Essays are very personalized.

Types of Essays

1. Descriptive Essay

A descriptive essay paints a picture with words. A writer might describe a person, place, object, or even memory of special significance. The descriptive essay strives (make great effort) to communicate a deeper meaning through the description. In a descriptive essay, the writer should show, not tell, through the use of colorful words. Focus on the details of what is going on. For example, if you want to write a descriptive essay about your trip to the park, you would give great detail about what you experienced. The writer should:

Use clear and concise language.

Leave the reader with clear Impression.

Choose vivid language

Take time to brainstorming.

Be organized

2. Narrative Essay

In a narrative essay, the writer tells a story about a real-life experience. It talks about a particular event or a series of events and describes the kind of experience that the writer got from it. In other words, you have to write about what happened to you and how it influenced you. In narrative essay, writer tells a story about a subject in straight forward or directly manner.

A narrative essay challenges students to think and write about themselves. When writing a narrative essay, writers should try to involve the reader by making the story as vivid as possible. The fact that narrative essays are usually written in the first person helps to engage the reader. "I" sentences give readers a feeling of being part of the story. A well-crafted narrative essay will also build towards drawing a conclusion or making a personal statement. The writer should use:

Thesis statement in the introductory paragraph.

Vivid and colorful words.

Conflict and sequence.

3. Discursive Essay

- . A discursive essay presents both sides of an argument, then states your stance.*

The discursive essay is a formal essay that requires a formal tone. This means that you'll write in third person point of view to evaluate arguments and express your opinion.

You'll also need to use formal word choices to keep the tone of your essay in check. In a discursive essay, a balanced tone is crucial. Don't include positive, leading statements for one side of the argument, while including useless and ironical comments for the other side.

- . The goal of a discursive essay is to present a balanced and objective analysis of both sides of the argument.*

Organization

A discursive essay is organized like most essays, with a clear introduction and concise thesis statement, body paragraphs, and conclusion.

Thesis statement

The thesis statement in a discursive essay should not take a stance on the argument. The goal is to present both sides of the argument equally.

Body paragraphs

A discursive essay should develop both sides of the argument equally and provide just as much evidence to support one side as it does to support the other.

Conclusion

The concluding paragraph of a discursive essay is your chance to explain your conclusions based on the evidence you've presented.

4. Argumentative Essay

An argumentative essay is a type of essay that presents arguments about both sides of an issue. It could be that both sides are presented equally balanced, or it could be that one side is presented more forcefully than the other. It all depends on the writer, and what side he supports the most.

Organization

Introduction

Attention Grabber / hook, Background Information, Thesis Statement

Body--- *Three body paragraphs (three major arguments)*

Counterargument

An argument to refute earlier arguments and give weight to the actual position.

Conclusion

Rephrasing the thesis statement, major points, call to attention, or concluding remarks.