

Academic writing

ESSAY WRITING

BS English
Second Semester



TOPICS DISCUSSED

Essay

Characteristics of a good Essay

Types of Essay

Parts of an Essay

ESSAY WRITING

(ESSAY DEFINITION)

The word Essay is defined in "The Concise Oxford Dictionary" as "**a literary composition** (usually prose and short) **on any subject.**"

- It is a written composition giving expression to one's own personal ideas or opinions on some topic; but the term usually covers also any written composition, whether it expresses personal opinions, or gives information on any given subject, or details of a narrative or description.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD ESSAY

- A good essay must contain the following characteristics:

- Unity
- Order
- Brevity
- Style
- Personal Touch

An essay must be a unity, treating in an orderly manner of one subject; it should be concisely written and not too long, and the style should be simple, direct and clear; and it should have an individuality, or show the personal touch of the writer.

TYPES OF ESSAYS

Essays may be classified as:

- Narrative
- Descriptive
- Expository
- Reflective
- Imaginative

TYPES OF ESSAYS

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Narrative: In a narrative essay, the writer tells a story about a real-life experience. While telling a story may sound easy to do, the 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.

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Descriptive: 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 to communicate a deeper meaning through the description. In a descriptive essay, the writer should show through the use of colorful words and sensory details.

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Expository: In an expository essay, the writer explains or defines a topic, using facts, statistics, and examples. Expository writing encompasses a wide range of essay variations, such as the comparison and contrast essay, the cause and effect essay, and the “how to” or process essay.

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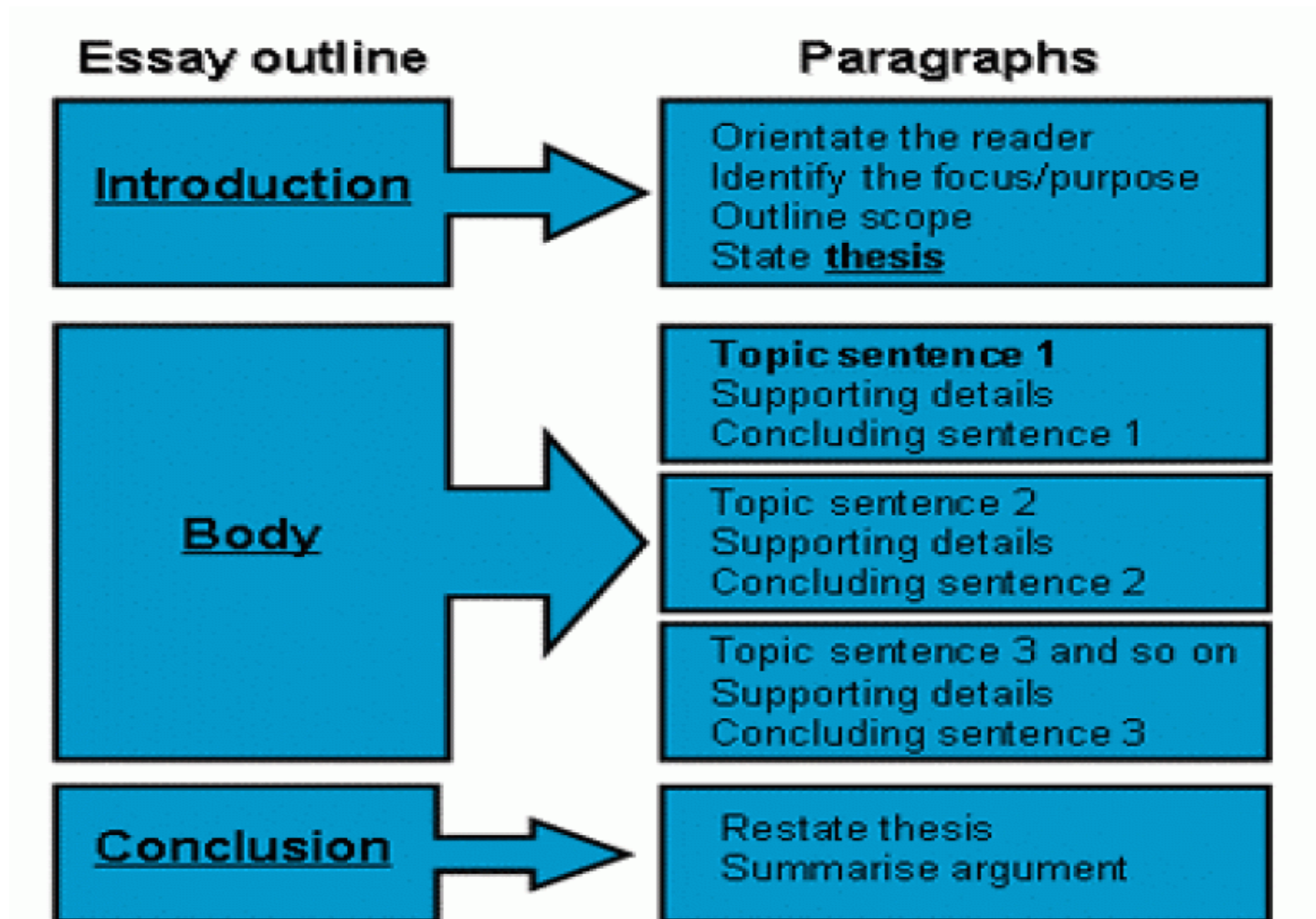
Reflective: A reflective essay consists of reflections or thoughts on some topic, which is generally of an abstract nature; for example; (a) habits, qualities, (b) social, political and domestic topics (c) philosophical subjects, (d) religious and theological topics.

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Imaginative :Essays on subjects such as the feelings and experiences of the sailor wrecked on a desert island may be called imaginative Essays. In such the writer is called to place himself in imagination in a position of which he has had no actual experience. Such subjects as "If I were a king," or "The autobiography of a horse," would call for imaginative essays.

PARTS OF AN ESSAY



1. INTRODUCTION

The introduction is the door to the whole essay outline. It must be convincing enough to get the attention of the readers. The following are the guidelines for writing the introduction of the essay.

- It must contain an attention-getter sentence or statement.
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2. BODY OF AN ESSAY

The body is the longest part of the essay and commonly highlights all the topics and ideas. The body must include the following:

1. The evidence and supporting details of the expository essay in addition to the author's ideas.
2. A topic or sentences that link the discussion back to the thesis statement.
3. The logical ordering of the ideas. The chronological of time, ideas, and evidence.
4. A set of transition statements or sentences to create a good flow of the essay.
5. Sufficient examples, evidence, data, and information that must be relevant to the particular topic of the essay.

3. CONCLUSION

The conclusion is the last part of the essay, and should:

1. Emphasize on the major takeaways of the essay.
2. Wrap up and summarize the essay, as well as the arguments, ideas, and points.
3. Restate the main arguments in a simplified and clear manner that must be understood by the reader.
4. Guarantee that the reader is left with something to think about, especially the main point of your essay.



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