

ESSAY WRITING

“Essay” is a loose term for writing that asserts the author’s opinion on a topic, whether academic, editorial, or even humorous. There are a thousand different approaches to essay writing and a million different topics to choose from, but what we’ve found is that *good* essay writing tends to follow the same framework.

Types of essays

Like any form of writing, essays come in many different types. Sometimes the assignment dictates the type, as with admissions essays, and other times the thesis will determine it. Regardless, it helps to know what our options are, so here are some of the most common essay types:

Argumentative essay

Argumentative essays assert or defend a position. This is the most common type of school or college time essay, so we must follow pattern when writing our first college essay.

Admissions essay

Most colleges request an admissions essay in applications, which typically revolve around why you’re interested in their school. Or to admit that why

you are interested in joining a particular organization. These kind of essay are used to describe the situation.

Persuasive essay

A persuasive essay is just as it sounds: an essay to persuade or convince the reader of a certain point. It's similar to an argumentative essay— they both strongly favor a particular point of view, but the difference is the end goal: Argumentative essays just have to present their case, while persuasive essays have to present their case *and* win over the reader.

Compare-and-contrast essay

When we want to devote equal attention to two opposing things, a compare-and-contrast essay works better than argumentative or persuasive essays, which lean to one side over the other.

Personal essay

Personal essays are often anecdotal or real-life stories of the authors, like the works of David Sedaris. Because they tend to follow narrative structures, the thesis can be flexible or interpretive.

Expository essay

An expository essay thoroughly explains a certain topic to expand the reader's knowledge. It is similar to an argumentative and persuasive essay in format, but with one key difference: expository essays don't have a bias.

The essay writing process

If we are writing an essay, research paper, term paper, novel, short story, poem, screenplay, blog article about essay writing—when writing just about anything, really—it's crucial to follow an efficient writing process. For essay writing, there is the standard five-step writing process:

1 Brainstorming

It always helps to collect our thoughts before we begin writing. Based on our prompt or thesis, we try to generate as many ideas as possible to include in our essay. We should think of as many as time allows, knowing that we will be able to set aside the ideas that don't work later.

2 Preparing

The preparation phase consists of both outlining our essay and collecting resources for evidence. After taking a look at the results of our brainstorming session, First, isolate the ideas that are essential to support the thesis and then organize them in a logical and progressive order. In this

stage we will incorporate our essay structure. If we want empirical evidence or complementary citations, we must track them down now.

3 Drafting

This is the main stage of essay writing where we roll up our sleeves and actually write the first draft. Remember that everything doesn't have to be perfect; this is our *first* draft, not our *final* draft, so we should give ourselves the freedom to make errors. If we are focusing on getting every single word right, we will miss the big picture.

4 Revising

The revisions stage involves our second draft, our third draft, or even our twelfth draft if necessary. In this stage we address all the nuances and subtleties glossed over in the first draft.

Pay attention to both word choice and clarity, as well as sophisticated writing techniques like avoiding the passive voice.

5 Proofreading

When all the heavy-duty revisions are finished, it's time for the final polish. Lastly we go through our essay and correct misspellings, formatting issues, or grammatical errors.

The standard structure of an essay:

Essay structure almost always follows a simple beginning-middle-end format, or in this case, an introduction-body-conclusion format. However, it's what's contained within those sections that makes all the difference.

Introduction

Essays follow the same guidelines for introductions as any other piece of writing, with an extra emphasis on presenting the thesis prominently, ideally in the topic sentence. By the end of introduction paragraph, the reader should know without a doubt what your essay is about. From there, follow the conventional best practices on how to write an introduction.

Body paragraphs

The majority of essay is body paragraphs, all of which support our thesis and present evidence.

We should attentively organize body paragraphs. Some arguments benefit from a logical progression, where one point leads to a second, and that second point leads to a third. The reader doesn't understand the topic like the author so we organize our paragraphs in the way that's best for *their* comprehension.

if we're writing an argumentative essay where we compare and contrast two or more points of view. we present our argument first and then share

opposing points of view, or we open with our opposition's argument and then refute it.

For a simple essay, a basic structure is like:

1. Your point
2. Counterpoint
3. Evidence supporting your point and/or disproving counterpoint

Conclusion

Essay conclusions wrap up or summarize our point of view in a way that's easy for the reader to digest. If we get the chance, we can add a new perspective or context for understanding our idea, but in general the conclusion should *not* present any new evidence or supporting data. Rather, it's more of a recap..

Five-paragraph essay(For complex topics given)

For quick and simple essays, we don't need to get too technical with our essay structure. The five-paragraph essay structure works well in a given structure. This contains:

- One introduction paragraph
- Three body paragraphs
- One conclusion paragraph

This structure do work for all simple kind of essays.