

# Essays

An essay is a short piece of writing on a particular theme or subject.

In this article we will be dealing with 2 types of essays:

1. Narrative essay
2. Descriptive essay

## Introduction

Your introduction provides readers with a first impression of your argument/story, writing style, and the overall quality of your work.

Capture your readers' interest by opening with an attention grabber.

You can let them know what your topic is, why it is important, and how you plan to proceed with your discussion.

## Body

Body paragraphs help you to prove your main idea by the use of a series of paragraphs that illustrate and/or support your ideas.

It provides analysis and evidence of your main idea.

Ensure that all points directly support the subject of your essay.

## Conclusion

The conclusion is a summary of your arguments which provides a final perspective on your topic.

It contains no new supporting information.

Restate your topic and why it is important.

Give readers something to think about or create a call for action.

Leave your readers satisfied that the discussion/story is complete.

# Narrative essay

A narrative essay involves the telling of a story and can be a completely fictional story.

- A narrative essay is told from a particular point of view.
- Be sure to use all the conventions of storytelling: Plot, characters, setting, climax and an ending.
- It is filled with precise details.
- Details must be carefully selected to support, explain and enhance the story.
- You may use dialogue.
- Characters should be limited in number and thoughtfully described so that the reader can identify with them.
- Planning is important to ensure a progression of thoughts and actions.
- The introduction indicates time and setting, and introduces the main characters.
- The body consists of a number of paragraphs.
- It should build up towards a climax, and have a brief resolution.

# Descriptive essay

Descriptive writing is used to describe something. It provides details about how something looks, feels, tastes, smells or sounds. It can also describe feelings, what something is, or how something happened.

- o This form of writing relies on details and requires a suitable vocabulary and descriptive powers.
- o You should have a clear sense of mood that you are trying to create. Use sensory details.
- o Accurate observations of small details convey a lot of meaning.
- o Be specific in your descriptions.
- o Use descriptions that move the story forward.
- o Create a backdrop in your introduction.
- o Careful description makes a scene more believable for readers.

I found this very useful YouTube video on the subject:

<https://youtu.be/rdq3kfZtbiY>

