

Topics for Definition

These topic suggestions connect to page 175 of *Acting on Words*, which concludes the discussion of definition style and methods.

Expository

1. Do some research into the history of universities and their avowed mission. Write a definition of the university.
2. Do some research into the history of the essay. Write a definition of the essay.
3. If you grew up in another country or have spent considerable time in another country, write a definition of what it means to be a citizen of that country.
4. Think of a movement that has different “schools” or “streams,” such as “feminism.” Define that term.

Critical

Identify the controlling ideas of the two student essays in this chapter. Using them as a departure point, write your own definition of Canadian. For a list of other possible sources, see For Further Reading immediately below.

Using the advice in Chapter 12 “Comparison-contrast,” compare the two student essays in this chapter. You may find that Chapters 15 provides additional assistance with this topic.

For Further Reading

Anderssen, Erin and Michael Valpy. *The New Canada: A Globe and Mail Report on the Next Generation*. Globe and Mail/McClelland & Stewart: Toronto, 2004.

Bricker, Darrell and John Wright. *What Canadians Think*. Doubleday: Toronto, 2005.

Ferguson, Will. *Canadian History for Dummies*. Wiley: Toronto, 2000.

Ferguson, Will. *Why I Hate Canadians*. Douglas & McIntyre: Vancouver, 1997.

Richler, Noah. *This Is My Country, What's Yours?* McLelland & Stewart: Toronto, 2006.