

The Academic Writing App for Students

**Review Guide** 

# What is Essayist?

Essayist is an academic writing app for iOS and macOS that changes the way students write essays. Students are expected to adhere to certain citation and formatting rules when writing papers according to citation styles such as APA, MLA & Chicago (Turabian). Essayist takes care of all that automatically, from page set-up (font, font size, line spacing, alignment, page numbering, title, etc.) to citations & references. Essayist is designed to let the user focus on writing as opposed to formatting one's paper.

There is no other app that does what we do. Currently, students use websites like <a href="https://www.easybib.com">https://www.easybib.com</a> to find and format references. These references then need to be imported into a word processor like Word, which often creates formatting issues. Furthermore, using a word processor like Word is inconvenient/overkill. It has endless functions and buttons that a student will never need when writing a paper and lacks features specific to writing academic papers.

Essayist streamlines the writing process. Because of its focus, Essayist is simpler and excels at tasks specific to academic writing.



### Who uses Essayist?

Essayist was designed and made specifically for college/university undergraduate and graduate students.

# **Quick Guide to Using Essayist**

- 1. Open the app and choose MLA 9 citation style.
- 2. Fill out required fields at the top of the page (Name, Instructor, Course, Date, Title).
- 3. Begin writing your essay in the Start your essay here... section.
- 4. Add a source by opening the Reference Manager (top button in the menu bar).
- 5. Click/tap the + button in the Reference Manager. Choose Google Scholar and search for the term "plausible reasoning". Add the first article that the search finds. It will be automatically added to your Works Cited, perfectly formatted. Close the Reference Manager.
- 6. In the body of the essay add a bracket "(" or tap/click the last button in the menu bar. A list of references will appear. Add the references you just added via the Reference Manager. Fill in the page numbers. The in-text citation will appear in the essay.

### **Key Features**

- Automatic formatting of page layout, references, in-text citations, footnotes & images
- MLA 8, MLA 9, APA (Student Edition) & Chicago (Turabian) citation styles
- Built-in Reference Manager
- Pre-defined paragraph styles (Block Quote, Headings, etc. ...)
- Google Scholar search
- Paste a URL to automatically generate a reference
- Bold, Italicize & Underline options
- Import BibTeX
- Add Images, Tables & Musical Illustrations
- Multiple reference types (News Article, Magazine, Website, Dictionary, etc.)
- Two paper sizes: US Letter & A4
- Export to PDF & Word
- Two font choices: Times New Roman & Arial
- Word Count & Page Count
- Multiple background choices
- Spell Check, Auto Completion & Auto Capitalization
- Dark mode

- Add extra sections: Abstract & Appendix
- Quick Note Support on iOS 15
- Read-only mode
- Regular updates
- Designed for Accessibility
- Universal App (iOS + macOS)

# **Pricing**

Subscription-based. \$4.99 USD per month and \$29.99 USD per year. Both subscription options include a free trial.

# **System Requirements**

iOS 14 or newer and macOS 11.0 or newer.

#### Links

https://www.essayist.app/ https://apps.apple.com/us/story/id1564468653 https://apps.apple.com/us/story/id1569109892

#### **About**

Essayist was founded on the belief that writing academic papers using traditional word processors is inconvenient and inefficient. Our mission is to create a writing app specifically designed for academic writing. Because of its focus, Essayist is simpler and excels at tasks specific to academic writing.

Essayist is the brainchild of a small, bootstrapped company based out of Vancouver, Canada. We had this idea while writing essays in university. We found we were spending almost as much time formatting our papers as we were writing them. Therefore, we felt this was a problem that needed a solution.

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