

Lesson Plan - Essay Writing

Objectives

At the end of this lesson you should be able to:

1. Identify the introduction, body and conclusion of an essay.
2. Identify the thesis statement in essays.
3. Write an appropriate thesis statement for your essays.
4. State the format of an essay.
5. Write an effective introduction

Supplies: TheFormalEssay.docx
Thesis statement_w exercise.docx
access to youtube

STEP 1:

Read *The Formal Essay*. It is an example of a academic essay often referred to as a 5-paragraph essay. Follow the directions and answer the questions.
Complete pages 1 and 2 and answer the few questions.

STEP 2:

The video below will give you a basic overview of the 5-paragraph essay.

How to write a five paragraph essay?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tim9oNx1clU&list=PLgqABeK_Jh5Yg_215OcJAbwqgmENeHYmh&index=95

James in Canada does a great job explaining how to write an introduction. Watch his video (link below) and answer the following questions:

How to Write an Effective Essay: The Introduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN6IOSMviS4&t=550s>

1. What are the possible ways to grab your reader's interest?
2. What are the W5s?
3. What is a thesis statement?
4. What is his thesis statement?

STEP 3:

A closer look at the thesis statement. Read *Thesis Statement_w exercise.docx* and answer the questions.

Need a video to help better understand a thesis statement? Try this one and answer the questions on the next page.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFp1uGTxo4Q>

1. According to Jenny in the video one needs to decide on three things in order to write a thesis statement:
2. What does she mean when she says the writer needs to *take a position*?
3. Jenny claims that a good thesis statement needs to be:
4. What does she mean by *disputable*? See above

Initial thesis statement

Brexit was driven by political frustration.

After doing more research, thesis statement became more precise.

The Brexit referendum result was driven by working-class frustration with the political elite, caused by austerity policies that have eroded public services and fragmented communities; the referendum offered an alternative to the status quo.

The above thesis statement is for an argumentative essay. The goal is to convince your reader of a claim or of the opinion you have on the topic.

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