

# ESSAY WRITING

## ETYMOLOGY

Originated in late 16th
Century in France.

Has been taken from a French word, "essai" meaning trial or attempt

### DEFINITION AND MEANING



DEFINED IN "THE CONCISE OXFORD DICTIONARY" AS A LITERARY COMPOSITION ON ANY SUBJECT.



GIVES EXPRESSION TO ONE'S OWN PERSONAL IDEAS OR OPINIONS ON SOME TOPIC.

## ATTRIBUTES OF AN ESSAY



Unity (Coherence)



Logical order



**Brevity (Conciseness)** 



Style (Simple, Direct and Clear)



Personal touch (Stance of the individual)

## STEPS IN WRITING AN ESSAY







- **Revising and Editing:** Checking the write-up for any mistakes in content, organization, spellings, grammar and facts
- Handing in a final copy: Proof-reading for the final time and completing the essay

# DEVELOPMENT OF PARAGRAPHS IN AN ESSAY

Deductive

Inductive

**Expository** 

Chronological (Time)

Linear

Topic sentence occurs in the beginning of the paragraph.

The writer moves from general to particular details.

The topic sentence usually comes at the end.

The writer moves from particular to general.

The writer tries to interpret and discuss the same idea in several ways.

It is used to explain how to perform an operation or how to operate a machine.

The natural order of narration in which one event leads to another.

preferred in historical narration when the matter refers to some developme nts in terms of time.

This is

Used in narration but with visible markers like firstly, secondly, thirdly, finally etc.

### TYPES OF ESSAYS

Narrative

Descriptive

**Expository** 

Argumentative

**Imaginative** 

### NARRATIVE ESSAY

Writer tells a story about any real-life experience

Its all about writing an essay connected with personal experiences

Tries to get the attention of the reader by a writing that is as vivid as possible

Key element is a defined point presented in the writing and delivered through sharing emotions and sensory details with the reader

#### Examples:

- My messed-up love-life
- How my work-from-home became work-of-home!

# DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY

- Paints a picture by words
- Requires a strong connect with the observation and the description provided by the writer
- Strives to communicate a deeper meaning with communication

Writer must describe a person, place, object or even memory of special significance



Example:

Dream house

The barbie I possessed as a child

# EXPOSITORY ESSAY

Aims to explain some subject by presenting a clear and complete picture of other person's views on this certain situation or event

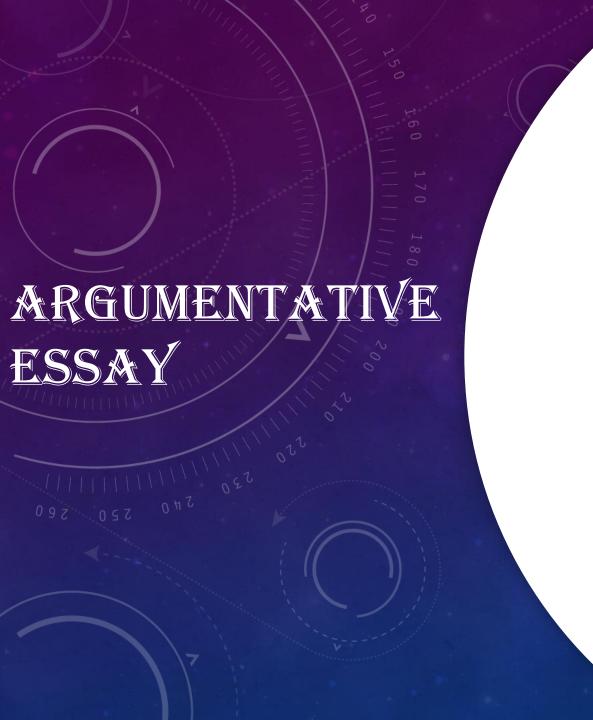
Main idea of this essay is to present a certain event or situation in detail to the reader

Writer explains or defines a topic, using facts, stats, and examples

May include essay on comparison and contrast, cause and effect and the "how to" or process of something

Example:

- •Why do people forget things?
- Meaning of life
- Energy Crisis
- •Differences between men and women in a workplace



This genre of writing requires the writer to investigate a topic, collect, generate and evaluate a topic and establish a stance on the topic in a concise manner

Uses evidence and facts to support the claim it's making, rather than just the author's thoughts and opinions

Presents arguments about both sides of an issue

Its purpose is to persuade the reader to agree with either of the argument being made

#### Example:

- Feminism: Just or not!
- Who contributes more in a relation: The Girl or The Boy?

## IMAGINATIVE ESSAY

This calls the writer to place himself in position of which he has no experience

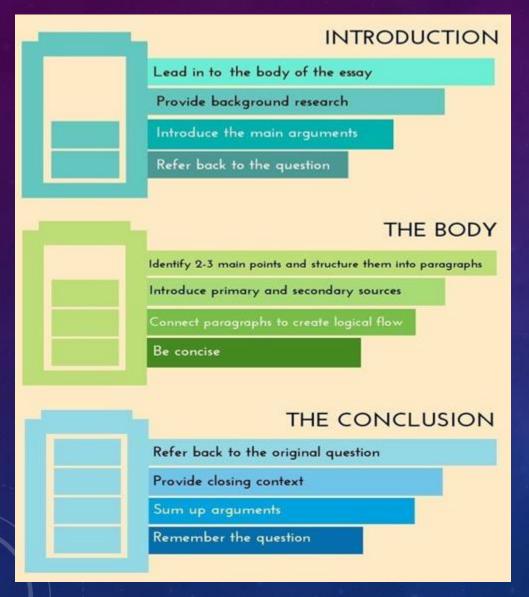
Use illustrations that the reader can relate and get connected to

Must be emotionally charged as the reader cares what happens to the protagonist at the end

#### Example:

- The tree that talked!
- The day I woke as Hulk or Black Widow

### RECAP



#### **Effective Ways to Write Short Essays**



- · Remove repeated words, phrases, and ideas
- Ensure that the piece meets your objective
- Match the piece with the essay rubric
- Analyze your logic by constructing a backwards outline
- Check for spelling and grammar
- Read your document out loud