

CLASS I

COURSE OUTLINE

- Course Outline (posted on school's website)
- Course Description & Learning Goals
- Assessment & Evaluation
- Schedule
- Homework

WRITING

OVERALL EXPECTATIONS

By the end of this course, students will:

- Developing and Organizing Content: generate, gather, and organize ideas and information to write for an intended purpose and audience;
- Using Knowledge of Form and Style: draft and revise their writing, using a variety of literary, informational, and graphic forms and stylistic elements appropriate for the purpose and audience;
- Applying Knowledge of Conventions: use editing, proofreading, and publishing skills and strategies, and knowledge of language conventions, to correct errors, refine expression, and present their work effectively;
- 4. Reflecting on Skills and Strategies: reflect on and identify their strengths as writers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful at different stages in the writing process.

HOUSE RULES



- Be punctual.
- Submit homework on time.
- Share your assignments for constructive peer feedback.
- Offer only supportive, constructive feedback!
- Ask questions. Take notes. Stay organized.

FORMAT OF A TWO-HOUR LESSON

- Grammar/editing exercise
- Essay-writing skill
- Review last week's homework
- Instructions for this week's assignment

ICEBREAKER

If you were marooned on a <u>deserted island</u>, which three people would you want with you? They can be dead, alive, or imaginary. Share your choices with the group.



ICEBREAKER

| Think | If you were marooned on a deserted island, which three people would you want with you and why? They can be dead, alive, or imaginary. |
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| Pair | Share your choices with the person next to you. Listen to their choices as well. |
| Share | Introduce the person next to you and the three people that they would want to be stranded on an island with. |

SURVEY

- I. What are your strengths as a writer?
- 2. What are some areas of improvement in your writing?
- 3. Describe the ideal writing class.

 * Teaching materials? PowerPoint slides?
 Model answers? Grammar exercises?
 Peer- editing? Teacher? Movies? Music?
 YouTube? Group discussion? Lectures?
 Vocabulary exercises? In-class
 assignments? Candy?

DIAGNOSTIC TEST



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IS SOMETHING WRONG?

- **□Where is my shoes?**
- □I have so many homework to do.
- ☐ The school were open over the weekend.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

GRAMMAR

WHAT IS A SUBJECT?

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The WHO or WHAT the sentence is about.

WHAT IS A VERB?

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>An ACTION word

I. When the subject of a sentence is composed of two or more nouns or pronouns connected by and, use a plural verb.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 1

She and her friends is / are at the fair.

- I. Is the subject singular or plural?
- 2. Do we use is or are?

2. When two or more singular nouns or pronouns are connected by or or nor, use a singular verb.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 2

The book or the pen is / are in the drawer.

- I. Is the subject singular or plural?
- 2. Do we use is or are?

3. When a compound subject contains both a singular and a plural noun or pronoun joined by or or nor, the verb should agree with the part of the subject that is nearer the verb.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 3

The boy or his friends run / runs every day.

Her sisters and her dad eat/ eats everything.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 4

4. Doesn't should be used only with a singular subject. Don't should be used only with a plural subject.

However, with I and you don't should be used.

- They don't / doesn't like school.
- She don't / doesn't have to go to school.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 5

5. Do not be misled by a phrase that comes between the subject and the verb. The verb agrees with the subject, not with a noun or pronoun in the phrase.

The team captain, as well as his players, is / are anxious.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 6

6. The words each, each one, either, neither, everyone, everybody, anybody, anyone, nobody, somebody, someone, and no one are singular and require a singular verb.

• Each of these hot dogs is / are juicy.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 7

7. Nouns such as civics, mathematics, dollars, measles, and news require singular verbs.

Seven dollar is / are not enough.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 8

8. Nouns such as scissors, tweezers, trousers, and shears require plural verbs. (There are two parts to these things.)

These scissors are / is dull.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT RULE 9

9. Collective nouns are words that imply more than one person but that are considered singular and take a singular verb, such as group, team, committee, class, and family.

That class is / are so noisy.

PATTERNS OF ESSAY DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

ESSAY WRITING

What is an essay?

How does one produce an essay?

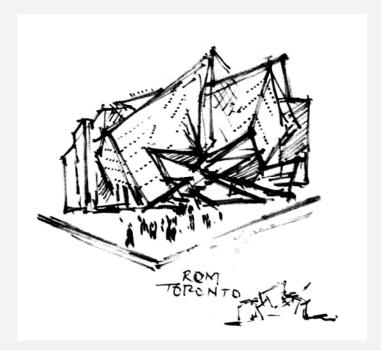
LEARNING GOALS

- I. Understand Writing as a Process
- 2. Understand the various essay methods and patterns of development

HOW MIGHT THIS BE RELATED TO WRITING?



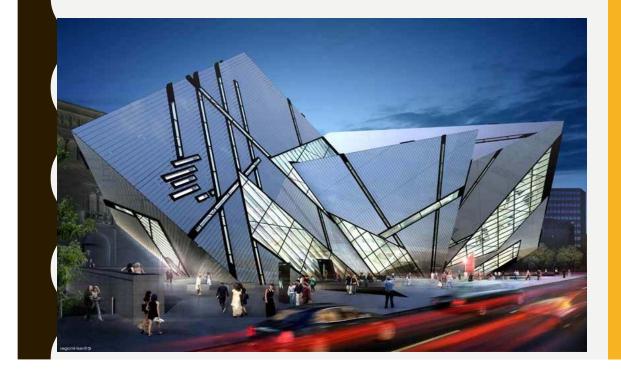
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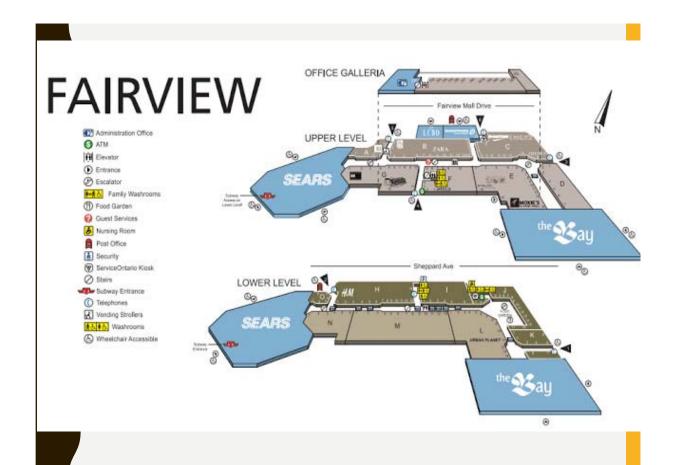


BUILDING STAGE



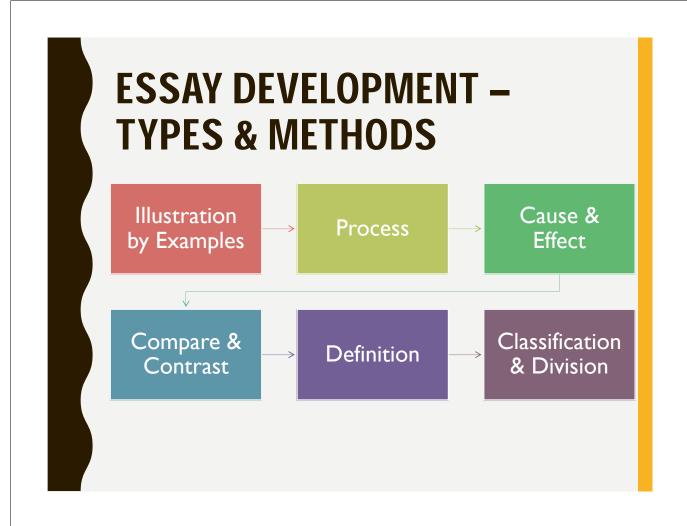
FINAL PRODUCT

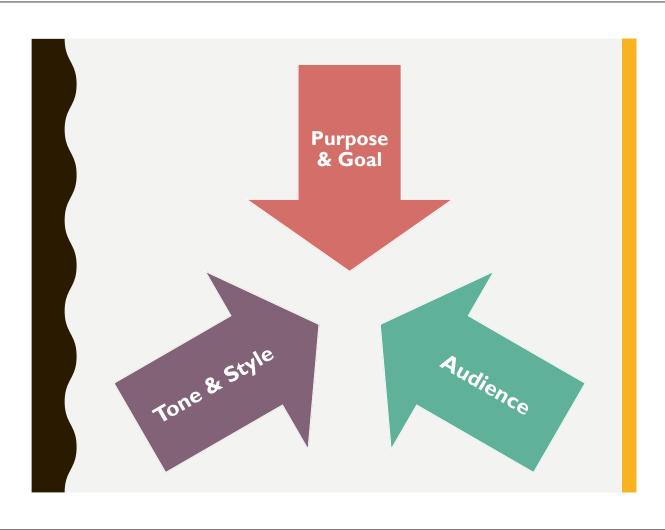




ELEGANCE AND SIMPLICITY







CHALLENGE

What is the best way to explain and support the following statement?

"The first day of classes was frustrating."

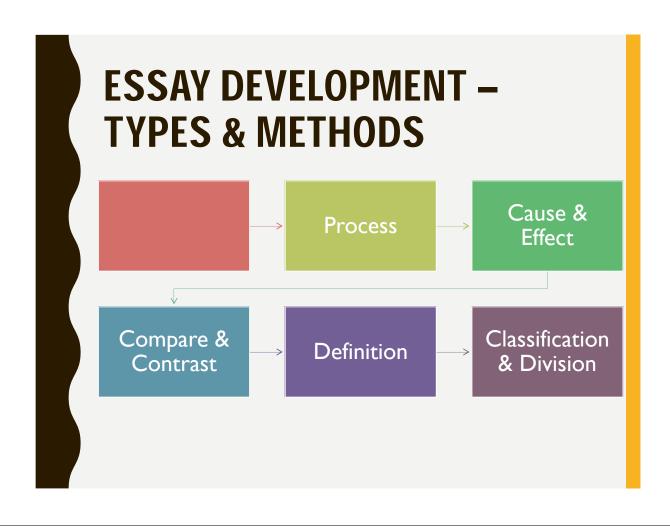
ILLUSTRATION BY EXAMPLES

The first day of classes was frustrating. First, my marketing class was cancelled. Then, I couldn't find the Mac lab. The lines at the bookstore were so long that I went home without buying my textbooks.

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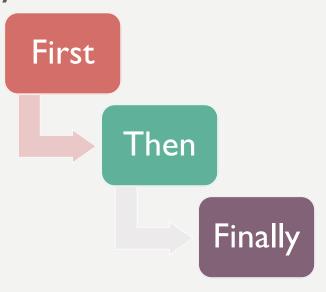
• Use specific facts, observations, or scenarios to make your points and details concrete for readers.





PROCESS

When would you need to write a process essay?



BAKING MUFFINS

- 1. First, preheat the oven to 400 F.
- 2. Then, combine the flour, baking powder and salt.
- 3. After, unwrap the butter and heat it in the microwave, in a microwave-safe bowl, for about a minute, until it's thoroughly melted. Set it aside at room temperature to cool, but don't let it solidify again.
- 4. Next, beat the eggs in a separate bowl and then add the sugar, milk and vanilla to the eggs.

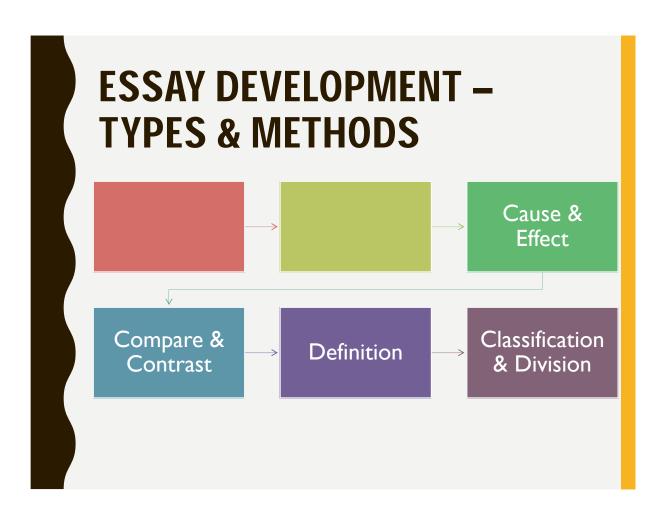
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- 5. Thoroughly grease and flour a muffin pan.
- 6. Pour a tiny bit of the melted butter into the eggvanilla-milk mixture and stir it in. Repeat 3-4 more times, adding a slightly larger amount of the liquid butter each time until it is all incorporated.
 - 7. Add the liquid ingredients to the dry ones and mix no more than ten seconds. The batter should be visibly lumpy, and you may see pockets of dry flour.
- 8. Gently pour the batter into the prepared muffin pan and bake immediately.
- 9. Bake 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean.

PROCESS

Demonstrate or break down a process to instruct or show readers how something works, or how something happens.

E.g. How do we make friends?



CAUSE & EFFECT

- I. What does the cause & effect pattern look like?
- 2. When would you need to use cause & effect or write a cause & effect essay?

TO WHAT EXTENT IS THIS CONVINCING?

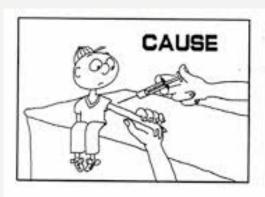
Many new immigrants settle in Scarborough. It is obvious why this happens.

USE CAUSE & EFFECT TO PERSUADE & CONVINCE

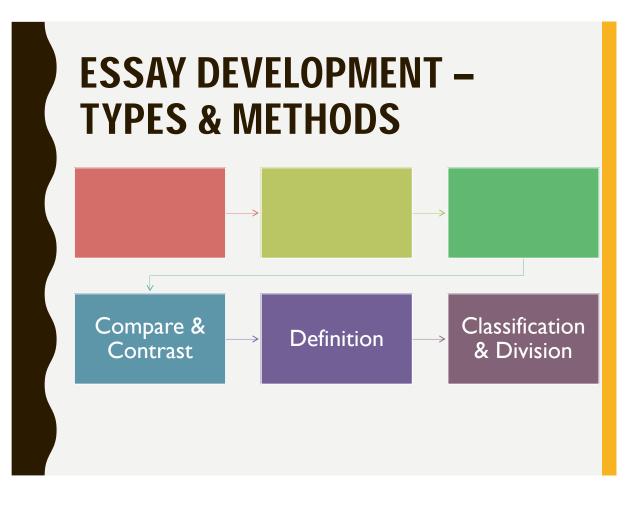
Many new immigrants settle in Scarborough because this city has affordable housing and accessible transportation.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Essays that show or analyze causes and effects to break down and explain either the reasons for (causes) or the consequences (effects) of some situation or issue.



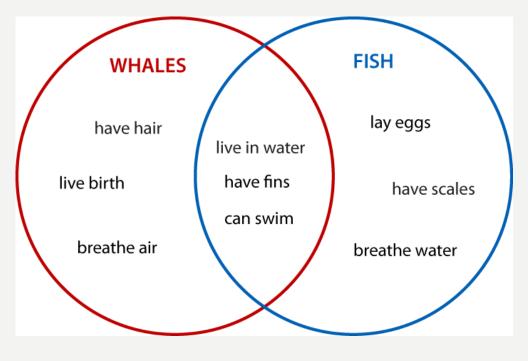


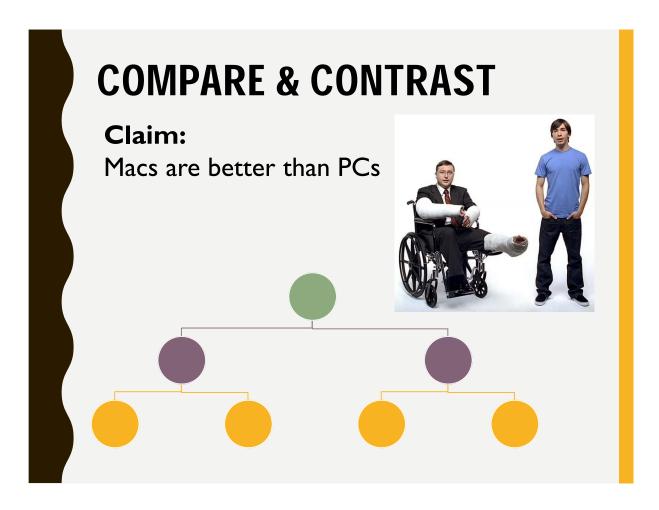


COMPARE & CONTRAST

- I. What does the compare & contrast pattern look like?
- 2. When would you need to use compare and contrast or write comparatively?

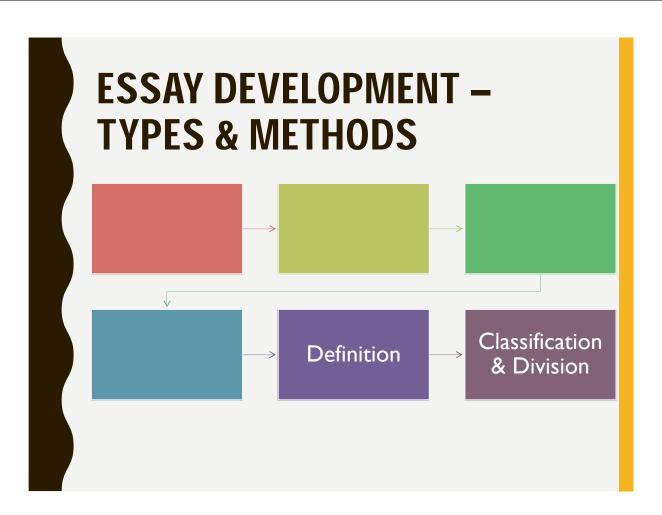
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WHAT DO THESE QUESTIONS HAVE IN COMMON?

- I. What is an apple?
- 2. What is a rot and ruin zombie?
- 3. What is democracy?

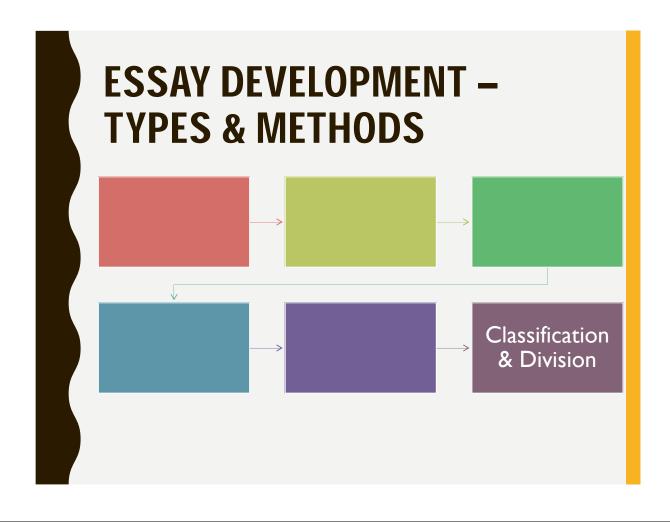


DEFINITION

Essays that explore various meanings of a word or concept.

DEFINITION

- I. Do words have more than one meaning?
- 2. When would you need to define words in a piece of writing or write a definition essay?



CLASSIFICATION AND DIVISION

Essays that classify or break a subject down into categories to help readers grasp different aspects of that subject.

CLASSIFICATION & DIVISION

I. When would you need to break down a subject into categories or aspects?

