

Composition 2- Lecture 4 (Pr. El Hadari)

Writing an expository essay.

An expository writing aims at defining and giving information about a term or a concept or a person or an object or an idea or a belief or an animal. An expository essay is thus an essay that **defines, informs, and explains**.

Example of an expository essay:

Can we imagine a dignified life without freedom of expression? Can we build a democratic and just society without searching for liberty to say or write what we think and believe? The answer, I guess is a sharp 'NO'. **Freedom** of expression is an essential **human right** that all citizens should fairly have and enjoy. It is the right of every individual to make their voices heard and understood. But this should not be seen as a green light to **infringe** upon others' right.

I. Freedom of expression is one of the most important basic human rights:

- a.** It is an essential **pre-requisite /pre-condition** to the attainment of dignity.
- b.** It is necessary for the foundation/ establishment of a democratic society.
- c.** It gives the chance to people **from all walks of life** to exchange their ideas freely and without any sort-type of censorship.
- d.** It allows citizens **to have a say in** issues of public opinion without fear of legal restraint.
- e.** It empowers people who believe in their ideas and opinion.

II. However, this freedom of expression does not provide “carte blanche” for people to say or write what they wish:

- a.** Laws forbid sharing speeches that **incite** violence.
- b.** Racist discourses have nothing to do with freedom of expression

because they are marly banned and legally disallowed.

- c. **The same thing rings true** for hate speeches which are **ethically** prohibited.*
- d. Legal restraint or penalty is highly required in situation where the rights of others are infringed.*
- e. Freedom of expression does not mean to say whatever to wish **to propitiate/appease** some people and upset others.*

***To conclude**, one can fairly say that freedom of expression is an existential human right, but it should not be **equated** with the full power to say or write what we like. Being absolutist and egoistic when it comes to freedom of expression can **spit venom** into human relationships and create frictions among people. **This is to suggest that** while enjoying the right to speak freely, its merely binding/ obligatory to respect others and adhere to the conventionally accepted standards of conduct.*

***Exercise:** Write an essay about **Euthanasia**. These questions might help you:*

- ✓ *what is Euthanasia?*
- ✓ *why do some countries adopt it?*
- ✓ *what do you think about it?*