

Source . Understand . Research . Evaluate.

	Essay	Report
Structure	Simple structure without distinct headings usually	Formal structure with distinct headings and sub-headings
Topic	Usually a question or proposition	Often a problem or case study Hypothesis or problem statement is stated
Approach and Style	 Argumentative approach Author attempts to persuade and make a stand Uses a subjective and personal voice 	 Investigative and analytical approach Author attempts to prove a hypothesis, solve the problem statement and make recommendations Uses an objective and authoritative voice
Supporting Data	Arguments supported with information from various sources including personal experiences	Main points supported with quantitative and/or qualitative data from primary and secondary research
Assessment	Success depends on: How convincing and persuasive the argument is Connection between points and how well the proposition is established	Success depends on: Research skills Analysis and presentation of findings Conclusions made