

**Information for parents and teachers**

**Essay writing template**

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**EXAMPLE 1: WRITING A STORY-BASIC**

Essay Topic:

What is the story about?
Who is in the story?
Where do they live?
What do they do?
Where do they go?
Does anything exciting happen?
Does anything funny happen?
Does anything sad happen?
What happens at the end of the story?



EXAMPLE 2: WRITING A STORY/ESSAY-ADVANCED

Essay Topic:

Broad topic of story/essay

Title of story/essay

Introduction:

- Characters
- Location
- Time

Development:

- Events
- Conflicts
- Exciting events
- Sad events

Impact:

- The way things ended
- Did the characters change?
- Were other people affected?

Ending:

- Happy ending?
- Sad ending?
- Back to normal?
- Never the same again?



**EXAMPLE 3: A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT**

Name of Experiment:

What did you have to find out?
What equipment did you need to do the experiment?
What else did you need to do the experiment?
Where did you do the experiment?
How long did the experiment take?
How many times did you do the experiment?
Were there any problems?
Did the experiment work?
Why didn't the experiment work?
What did you find out?



**EXAMPLE 4: WRITING ABOUT A POEM-BASIC**

NAME OF POEM

What is the name of the poem?
Who wrote the poem?
What is the poem about?
How did the poem make you feel? Did it make you feel happy or sad?
Did the poet use words that made you feel sad?
Did the poet use words that made you feel happy?
Does the poem rhyme?
Does the poem have a rhythm or a meter?
Does the poem have stanzas or verses?



**EXAMPLE 5: DESCRIBING A POEM-ADVANCED**

Name of poem:

What does the poem seem to be about?

What else might it be about?

What words does the poet use that give two meanings?

What "imagery" words does the poet use?

What words does the poet use to change your emotions?

What words did the poet use to describe things? Did he use colours? Did he use sounds?



**EXAMPLE 6: OUTLINE FOR A PROJECT**

Project area (eg Sheep farming in Australia):

What is your project about?
Where are sheep farmed in Australia?
Find a map which shows the main sheep farming areas in Australia
Why are sheep farmed in Australia? What do we get from sheep?
Are there different breeds of sheep? List as many different breeds of sheep as you can
What happens to the wool that comes from sheep?
What happens to the meat that comes from sheep?
Where do these products go?
Who uses these products?
What kind of people work on sheep stations?
What do they do?
Who else works with sheep?

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