

Expository Essay Outline

The purpose of an expository essay is to explain, describe, or inform the reader about a particular subject.

I. Introduction

- a. Hook **(Catch the Reader's Attention)**
- b. 2 Background Statements **(May be Found in the "Writing Situation" of the Prompt)**
- c. Thesis Statement **(Controlling Idea of Essay)**
 - i. **"There are a number of...."**
 - ii. **"There are many..."**

II. Body Paragraphs **(There should be 3 body paragraphs)(Follow the outline below for each body paragraph) DRAPES - Does not have to be in order in each paragraph. You do not have to each element in each paragraph.)**

- a. Transition
- b. Topic Sentence
- c. DIALOGUE
- d. RHETORICAL QUESTION
- e. ANALOGY
- f. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
- g. EXAMPLE
- h. STATISTIC

III. Conclusion

- a. Restate your thesis statement in different words
- b. Interesting fact about your information presented
- c. Clincher **(Rhetorical Question or Profound Statement)**