

Reflective Expository Essay

In this class, we have read a variety of essays that we could classify as “reflective expository” essays. An “expository” essay is one that explains something, and a “reflective” essay is a personal essay that shares an experience (or series of experiences) while also providing *insightful* commentary about the significance of the experience. The experience you choose to write about does not need to be one that is obviously momentous; even seemingly-mundane experiences can provide a wealth of material upon which to reflect. Remember, Thoreau wrote the equivalent of a “reflective expository” essay about an experience he had watching ants outside of his cabin.

Requirements

- *Write in first person
- *Describe an experience or series of experiences in your life or in the life of someone you admire
- *Use figurative language, dialogue, sensory details, or other literary and/or rhetorical techniques to re-create the experience for the reader
- *Explain the significance of the event(s)
- *Make an observation about life based on the experience
- *Encourage readers to think about the significance of the experience in light of their own lives
- *Write at least 500 words minimum
- *Submit your final draft to turnitin.com

Resources

Textbook, pgs. 438-442
Steps to Writing Well, Ch. 9 (Exposition)

Due dates and points

First draft (typed or neatly handwritten)	Monday, April 22	50 points
Second draft (typed)	Thursday, April 25	50 points
Final draft (typed)	Friday, May 3 rd	10% of grade