

Types of Essays

Analysis/ Literary Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzes a topic, a story, characters, setting, tone, etc. • Divides a written work into parts and discusses how they relate to the whole. What is the significance?
Argument/Persuasion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes a position on an issue for someone else to accept or consider • Offers reasons and support, evidence
Cause and Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains why something happened and the causes or effects of a situation
Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorts items into categories by one organizing principle
Compare and Contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows similarities and differences among subjects • Comes to a useful conclusion
Critique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges, interprets, reviews and discusses a topic • Supports with evidence
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines a word, phrase, or term • Gives clear and distinct facts about a subject • Uses examples and details
Description	<p>Uses the five senses to describe something or someone Uses adjectives to describe in detail</p>
Explanatory/Informative	<p>Informs and explains a topic Helps the reader understand a topic and conveys information</p>
Expository	<p>Explains a topic without giving the writer's opinion</p>
Illustration	<p>Uses examples and details to show, explain, or prove a point Answers the question: So what?</p>
Narration	<p>Tells the story of an event or an experience Needs to have a main point about why the story is important Uses support that contains the major events and details</p>
Process Analysis	<p>Describes how to do something Explains steps and the order in which something happens</p>
Synthesis	<p>Discusses relationships between sources</p>

