



# Essay Writing

## Study Guide

**Every Essay must have a Thesis. A Thesis is:**

- The prompt paraphrased with reasons (If you are given a prompt)
- Your opinion with reasons (for Persuasive essays)
- Lessons learned/Reasons written (for Narrative)
- The most important facts (for Expository and Analytical essays)



### Paragraph

**Paragraphs are 5 sentences**

They are sort of like little essays with a topic, supporting, and closing sentences

### Essay

**Essays are normally 5+ paragraphs**

They can be much longer, but have an introduction, (3) main points, and conclusion

### 300+

**300 words is normally 5 paragraphs**

300 words is about a page worth or writing: 5 paragraphs of 5 sentences each



### Introduction

**Introduction is a thesis and hook**

Make sure to get your audience interested and tell them what you are going to say

### Main points

**3 main points are 3 middle paragraphs**

treat each paragraph like a mini essay, covering that bit of information

### Conclusion

**Conclusion is a thesis and closing**

Restate–paraphrasing–not copying–your thesis and bring it all together for the reader

### Types

**There are lots of types of Essays:**

- Persuasive/argumentative/opinion
- Expository/descriptive/informative
- Narrative (story)
- Analytical (report)

### Tips

**Ways to get started fast and save time:**

- Start in your heart language for brainstorming
- Cluster and Fastwrite
- Use Graphic Organizers
- Revise and edit before you make your final copy