

THE EXPOSITORY ESSAY

An expository essay is a common essay style; it is developed by definition, descriptions, narration, examples, facts, and incidents. An expository essay combines several techniques used in other types of essays and can be compared with a discussion.

An expository essay does not necessarily contain a definite stand; the writer analyzes the entire issue. Sometimes the writer presents his/her own ideas and lets readers form their own opinions; other times, the writer comes to a careful conclusion after considering all aspects of the topic. *Thus, the writer of an expository essay does not write with the purpose of convincing the reader but with the idea of informing him.*

Transitions should be used when one writes an expository essay. The following are frequently used transitions:

furthermore	therefore	specifically	indeed
consequently	especially	in fact	finally
usually	for instance	in other words	certainly
for example	frequently	on the contrary	similarly
occasionally	yet	likewise	in particular
although	because	since	unless

Possible Topics for an Expository Essay:

1. What's Happening to the American Family?
2. The Quality of Television
3. Public School Education in the United States; Strength and Weaknesses
4. The Economic State of the Nation
5. Growing Old in America
6. Crime – Cause and Prevention
7. America's Role in the Free World
8. The Re-arming of the United States
9. Health and Physical Fitness