

HOW TO WRITE AN ESSAY

According to the dictionary, an essay is a short writing on a particular subject. Essays in one form or another are in all of our lives. They are a method of communicating an idea. So even if you are not writing an essay for school, you may be preparing a report for a job, or writing an email. And there are some simple rules to follow to help your essay be the best it can be.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

Write an essay on a subject of your choice. If you cannot think of a subject, feel free to write an essay on the strengths and challenges of being a SkillTrekker and submit it to us. Make sure you follow all the steps.

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So, let's look at some of these guidelines.

1. Know your subject. If you don't know your subject, and there is no shame in that, then research. There is, however, shame in not knowing your subject and doing poor or no research.
2. Create an outline. It's better to know where you are going and what stops you are making along the way, or what points you will make that support your writing.
3. Think through your essay. Whenever a person reads a piece of writing, the author is taking them on a journey. Not just presenting facts, but also encouraging readers along an emotional and, hopefully, enlightening journey to the destination and conclusion the author wants them to reach. So concentrate on constructing your plan to keep the reader interested.
4. Create a thesis statement. This is a third-person introduction that introduces the reader to the journey. The thesis statement for this document might be, "An exploration into the essential structure of essay writing, enabling the student to grasp the concept of writing for a targeted audience."

5. Get to writing. Write the body of your text, this is all your research and your outline points. Then go back and write the introduction and conclusion. It is easier to write these afterwards, because you have seen the essay unfold before you.

