ESSAY & ITS TYPES

ESSAY

- An Essay is a focused piece of writing designed to inform or persuade. There are many different types of essay, but they are often defined in four categories: argumentative, expository, narrative, and descriptive essays.
- Argumentative and expository essays are focused on conveying information and making clear points, while narrative and descriptive essays are about exercising creativity and writing in an interesting way. At university level, argumentative essays are the most common type.

TYPES OF ESSAYS

- Expository Essays
- Descriptive Essays
- Narrative Essays
- Argumentative Essays
- Thematic Essays

EXPOSITORY ESSAYS

- An Expository essay provides a clear, focused explanation of a topic. It doesn't require an original argument, just a balanced and well-organized view of the topic.
- Expository essays test your familiarity with a topic and your ability to organize and convey information. They are commonly assigned at high school or in exam questions at college level.
- The introduction of an expository essay states your topic and provides some general background, the body presents the details, and the conclusion summarizes the information presented.

NARRATIVE ESSAYS

- A <u>narrative essay</u> is one that tells a story. This is usually a story about a personal experience you had, but it may also be an imaginative exploration of something you have not experienced.
- Narrative essays test your ability to build up a narrative in an engaging, wellstructured way. They are much more personal and creative than other kinds of <u>academic writing</u>. Writing a <u>personal statement</u> for an application requires the same skills as a narrative essay.
- A narrative essay isn't strictly divided into introduction, body, and conclusion, but it should still begin by setting up the narrative and finish by expressing the point of the story—what you learned from your experience, or why it made an impression on you.

DESCRIPTIVE ESSAYS

- A D<u>escriptive essay</u> provides a detailed sensory description of something. Like narrative essays, they allow you to be more creative than most academic writing, but they are more tightly focused than narrative essays. You might describe a specific place or object, rather than telling a whole story.
- Descriptive essays test your ability to use language creatively, making striking word choices to convey a memorable picture of what you're describing.
- A descriptive essay can be quite loosely structured, though it should usually begin by introducing the object of your description and end by drawing an overall picture of it. The important thing is to use careful word choices and figurative language to create an original description of your object.

ANALYTICAL ESSAYS

- An analytical essay means you will need to present some type of argument, or claim, about what you are analyzing. Analytical essays usually concentrate on how the piece was written
- An analytical essay dissects something such as a concept, an idea, a thing, or even a character. Its major aim is to enhance the understanding of readers. An analysis could be done through a process, definition, classification and division, or comparison and contrast.

THEMATIC ESSAY

- A Thematic essay is a piece of writing in which an author develops the central theme in some literature using literary devices like Simile, Metaphor, Imagery, Allegory, Personification, Alliteration etc. This type of work is based on a particular question or theme.
- The thematic essay paper definition tells us that an author is supposed to develop and reveal the major theme in a concrete literature work using various literary techniques and other devices.