



## DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

### Expository Essay

An expository essay analyzes and interprets supporting evidence the writer has gathered on a certain subject. While this definition can be applied to other types of papers and essays, these qualities help distinguish it from the rest: an expository essay can describe a process, compare two concepts, or analyze the cause and effect of an idea. To learn more about these categories, refer to the following handouts.

- [Process Essay](#)
- [Compare and Contrast Essay](#)
- [Cause and Effect Essay](#)

Carefully read the professor's prompt to ensure that his/her requirements for an expository essay are met for that specific assignment.

#### Procedure:

**Step 1:** Find a topic and become familiar with ideas relevant to it. Narrow it down and write about a specific perspective.

**Step 2:** Gather information and supporting evidence for that specific perspective. Then, analyze and interpret it in a way that builds the basis for a coherent thesis statement.

**Step 3:** Based on the professor's instructions, organize an outline that is framed by one of the essay categories mentioned above.

**Step 4:** Make sure that the paper has all the components of a basic essay such as an introductory paragraph, body, and conclusion. To learn more about the basic essay format, please refer to our [Basic Essay](#) handout.

