

7th Grade Expository Essay Instructions

Introduction

1. Hooks the reader and captures his or her attention.
2. Contains the topic sentence of the essay.
3. Briefly state 3 or more main ideas which will be explained in body of paper.

Body

1. Longest section of the essay
2. Contains 3 or more fully developed paragraphs (one paragraph to support each main idea stated in the introduction).
3. Each paragraph contains a topic sentence and at least 4 to 5 supporting detail sentences.
4. Transition words and phrases help move reader from one idea to the next (Ex: also, in addition, another reason, etc.)

Conclusion

1. Brings closure to the essay.
2. Briefly restates the 3 main ideas (without repeating the exact words in the introduction).
3. May end with strong statement or an appeal to the emotions.