

Sample Expository Essay

The purpose of an expository essay is to present important information about a specific subject. In the following example, RHS student writer Kellyann Bandusky carefully explains her career ambitions. Notice that the essay follows the proper MLA format.

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A Career to Make Life Worth Living

Many teenagers spend a lot of time contemplating what they want to do when they graduate from high school. I am fortunate in that I already know; I decided to become a veterinarian when I was two or three years old. Just like humans, animals need people to treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve, and I want to be one of those people. Because of this, I am doing all I can at Reavis to lay the groundwork for my success in college. Then, once I am in college, I will study and learn about all species of animals. Finally, I will find happiness in my career as a veterinarian because when animals need my assistance, I know that I will be able to help them.

First, as a freshman at Reavis High School, I keep in mind my lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian. I have been taking my education here very seriously, because I know that a person needs to be not only knowledgeable, but also extremely disciplined in order to become a veterinarian. Because of this, I work hard to earn good grades, I take pride in my work, and I have learned to manage my time properly. These skills will be particularly valuable when I enter college.

After leaving Reavis, I must attend college because it is definitely a requirement for becoming a veterinarian. In fact, a bachelor's degree is necessary in order to even enter a veterinarian program. One must also possess excellent communication, leadership, public speaking, and organizational skills. I have put a lot of thought and consideration into college, and I have decided that I would like to go to the University of Illinois. It is a wonderful school, and they even have a graduate program designed for students who want to become veterinarians.

Once I have completed a veterinarian program, I will be able to pursue my dream career. This career provides numerous benefits, the first of which is salary. The average veterinarian salary is \$60,000 a year, a salary that would definitely allow me to live a comfortable life. Secondly, it is a rewarding job. This job would provide me with the satisfaction of knowing that I am helping or saving an animal's life. Finally, becoming a veterinarian would assure me a lifetime of happiness. I know I would love going to my job every day, because I would be working with what I love most: animals.

In summary, when I graduate from Reavis, I plan to go to college to become a veterinarian. I love animals and I want to do anything that I can to help them. I know I am only a freshman, but I also know that I am growing up quickly. As Ferris Bueller quotes, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it!"