

Expository Essay Template

Directions: Use this template as a “road map” to write your essay. If you need more examples or sentence starters, use page 2 to help you!

I. Introduction/Claim (3 points)

- A. Start with a hook or attention getting sentence.
- B. Briefly summarize the texts
- C. State your thesis. Your thesis is the sentence that outlines what your essay is going to be about. Make sure you are restating the prompt.

II. Body Paragraph: Evidence/Support (3 points)

- A. Include a topic sentence that restates your thesis topic for this paragraph and your reason.
 - **Example: The character _____ undergoes a change caused by _____.**
- B. Include text evidence that supports your reason.
 - **Example: The author shows that the character's change is caused by _____ because in paragraph two it states _____.**
- C. Include an explanation (warrant) that shows how your text evidence proves your thesis.
 - **Example: This proves that the character's changes were caused by _____ because _____.**

III. Body Paragraph: Evidence/Support/Warrant (3 points)

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IV. Body Paragraph: Evidence/Support/Warrant (3 points)

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V. Conclusion (One paragraph) (1 points)

Restate your claim and summarize your reasoning.

- **Example: In conclusion, the text shows that videogames are harmful by pointing out that _____.**

☆ **Your essay is incomplete and cannot be graded without a thesis/claim and a counterclaim.**

