

Types of Writing—Analysis (Literary and Rhetorical) vs Expository (Attack, Defend, or Qualify)

<p style="text-align: center;">Analysis Essays in English (Literary and Rhetorical)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expository Essays in English (Argument and Attack, Defend, or Qualify)</p>
<p>Literary Analysis Essay Purpose: <i>*Analysis of literature--usually fiction</i> *Analyze an author's message (theme) and how that message is conveyed (literary elements/devices). *Explore the author's use of a literary element or device. *Compare and/or contrast two or more author's themes, use of literary elements/devices, structures, styles, etc..</p> <p>Rhetorical Analysis Essay Purpose: <i>*Analysis of literary non-fiction, speeches, works of art, advertisements, persuasive/argumentative works</i> *Analyze an author's, orator's, or artist's message (argument) and how that message is conveyed (rhetorical strategies/devices). *Explore the author's/orator's/artist's use of manipulative and argumentative techniques (rhetorical strategies/devices). *Compare and/or contrast two or more authors'/orators'/artists' messages, persuasive techniques, etc..</p> <p>This type of essay shows that you can understand the message/argument of another (author, orator, artist, etc).</p>	<p>Expository/Argument Essay Purpose: <i>*Present a personal but reasoned answer to a question or topic.</i> *Take an original position on a topic or question. *Argue a side persuasively. *Present an argument with support.</p> <p>Attack, Defend, or Qualify Essay Purpose: <i>*Present a personal but reasoned attack, defense, or qualification to a given statement.</i> *Take an original position on a topic or statement. *Argue persuasively for agreeing, disagreeing, or a mix of both on a topic. *Present a side or assertion with support.</p> <p>This type of essay shows that you can write persuasively about your own "beliefs" on a topic, statement or question.</p>
<p>Evidence: *Comes from the author's, orator's, artist's, etc., work. *You must refer to and cite the original source. *Quotes, description, paraphrase, summary.</p>	<p>Evidence: *Comes from your knowledge of literature, history, politics, culture, art, and "life" (but be careful!). *You must refer your prior knowledge (source is what you have learned/experienced). *Description, summary; quotes and paraphrase (if you have a photographic memory).</p>
<p>Tests: *STAAR(?) *SAT *AP *Throughout college in your Humanities classes (and some STEM classes as well).</p>	<p>Tests: *STAAR *AP *??</p>

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<p>Essay Structure (more or less universal):</p> <p>Context/Background Information Thesis (SINGLE SENTENCE STATEMENT OF YOUR MAIN POINT/ARGUMENT)</p> <p>Assertion (MINI-POINT #1) Evidence Commentary Evidence Commentary</p> <p>Assertion (MINI-POINT #2) Evidence Commentary Evidence Commentary</p> <p>Restatement of Thesis Synthesis (NEXT LEVEL/WHY IT MATTERS)</p>	<p>Essay Structure (limited):</p> <p>Context/Background Information Thesis (SINGLE SENTENCE STATEMENT OF YOUR MAIN POINT/ARGUMENT)</p> <p>Assertion (MINI-POINT #1) Evidence Commentary Evidence Commentary</p> <p>Assertion (MINI-POINT #2) Evidence Commentary Evidence Commentary</p> <p>Restatement of Thesis Synthesis (NEXT LEVEL/WHY IT MATTERS)</p>
<p>Example Literary Analysis Essay Prompt:</p> <p><i>How does James Hurst use literary elements to convey the theme of his story "The Scarlet Ibis"?</i></p> <p><i>How does James Hurst characterize "Brother" in his story "The Scarlet Ibis"? Why does Hurst characterize the narrator this way?</i></p> <p>Example Rhetorical Analysis Essay Prompt:</p> <p><i>How does George Orwell use persuasive techniques/strategies to convey the message/argument of his essay "A Hanging"?</i></p>	<p>Example Expository/Argument Essay Prompt:</p> <p><i>Is innocence something that humans are born with?</i></p> <p><i>When do humans lose their innocence?</i></p> <p><i>Is humanity fundamentally innocent? Or are humans fundamentally corrupted? Explain.</i></p> <p>Example Attack, Defend, or Qualify Essay Prompt:</p> <p><i>Attack, defend, or qualify the following statement: "The knowledge that makes us cherish innocence makes innocence unattainable."</i></p>
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