

Tips For Great Essay Writing

A Basic Guide

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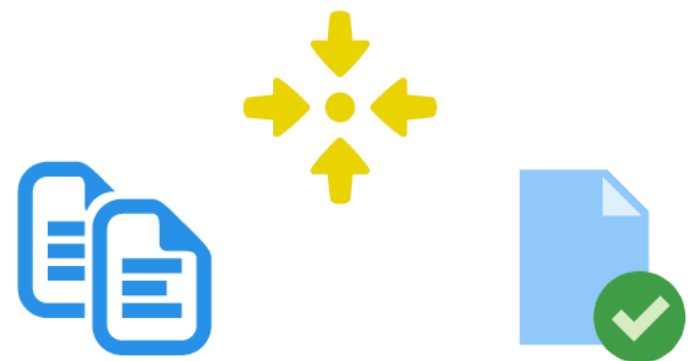
A great essay needs a great argument



Communicating your argument clearly is essential.

This is mainly done in your first paragraph, your introduction, in a sentence which is known as the thesis statement. You will want to clearly explain what your essay is about and what you are trying to argue. In this statement, you should try to state your main points and what they prove. Summarizing your argument into a sentence is difficult so this skill will take practice. Be patient as you work to improve!

Have a main point for each paragraph



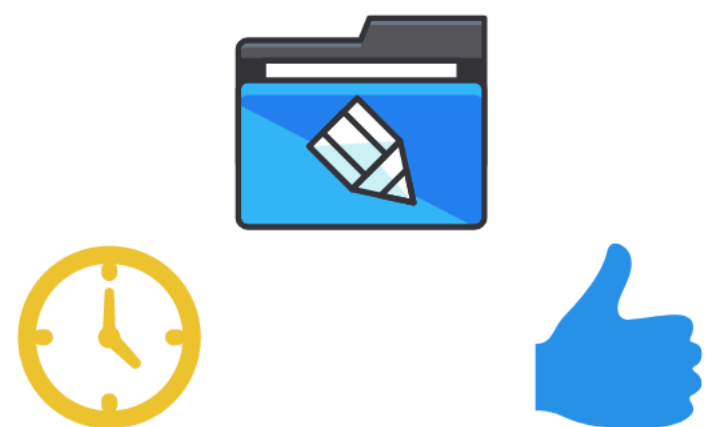
Each paragraph's main point should be clear. All essays should start with an introduction and end with a conclusion. When starting essay writing, a general rule is then to have three main points and dedicate a paragraph to each. These will be the main points that you stated in your thesis. Each paragraph will focus on one point that you will use to help you prove your argument. If you notice yourself changing topics within a paragraph, start a new one. This will make sure each point is fully explained and your essay will flow better! Overall, try to start and finish one idea in each paragraph.

Make sure you edit!



Editing can be your best friend in essay writing. After you have written a first draft, read your essay over and make notes of things you want to change and edits you want to make. Make sure to check for spelling and grammar but also make sure the writing in your essay flows. Reading your essay from start to finish will help you see if your argument and main points are clear and whether you need to make some changes. Editing more than once will be even more helpful!

Other extra tips



Remember that, like everything, essay writing takes practice! Essay writing is a difficult skill but one that everyone has the ability to get better at. Don't get too frustrated with yourself and understand that, with each essay, your writing is improving! It's really important to make sure that any essay you write is your own work. If you get feedback on your writing, take it to heart! Comments, like those from teachers or parents, can be really helpful in improving your essay writing. Good luck and have confidence in yourself!