

Tips to Write an Academic Essay

What is the main idea and where is it stated?

- The main idea is the "key idea" being communicated.
- Usually the main idea is mentioned at the end of the first paragraph.
- The first paragraph should focus on representing the purpose of the essay.

Focus on your readers.

- What the audience know about this topic?
- What they want to know?

Does the essay fit the goal of the assignment?

There is a diverse range of writing types such as:

1. Research paper.
2. Reaction paper.
3. Notes on observations.
4. Report.
5. Proposal.

Are the ideas organized in the writing?

Make the ideas flow in an organized way that can affect readers.

How to make the reader attracted while reading the text until the end?

1. Use simple words.
2. Write short sentences and paragraphs.
3. Make sure the ideas are connected.
4. Avoid complicated and general vocabulary.

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