

Expository Essay

Background Info

An expository essay is one which explains a certain topic or informs the readers about a certain subject. Its purpose is not to persuade the readers to agree or disagree on an issue, but to inform and educate them.

Prompt

*For this assignment, you are going to write an expository essay answering the question,
“What does it mean to lead a Christian life?”*

Writing Rules

Your essay will be five paragraphs in length and will follow the format outlined in *The Elegant Essay* by Lesha Myers. Please print this page and keep in your notebook.

- € MLA Format
- € Dress-ups
- € Follows the rules of Grammar and Mechanics

The Writing Process

Step One: Write a solid thesis statement. Make sure it does these things: It follows the prompt, it takes a stand, and it gives reasons.

Step Two: Write a formal outline to organize your thoughts. Use your notes and page 16 in EE for help. **Be sure to use the SEE format we learned in Elegant Essay.**

Step Three: Write three body paragraphs using your outline for organization.

Each paragraph should have:

- € Topic sentences
- € 2 statements, 2 E's (example or explanation) for each statement making 4 total for each paragraph
- € Clincher Statements
- € Use good transitions between paragraphs

Step Four: Craft the introduction and conclusion for your essay using the format we went over in class.

Final Step/Drafting

Put all parts of this essay together into the proper MLA essay formatting. Then, your parent will edit the essay for any errors. Finally, you will correct any errors, creating a “Best-Yet” version of your essay. ATTACH YOUR PARENT-EDITED ESSAY TO THE BEST POSSIBLE VERSION.

You will always turn in the BEST POSSIBLE VERSION of your essay to the teacher. First drafts are commonly referred to as “Rough Drafts.” And we will refer to them as such in our class. But, they should never be “rough.”