


TOP TIPS FOR ESSAY WRITING

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Read the question

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Getting started
Decide what type of essay you need to write – the four major types are:
• **Narrative** – If you want to tell a story
• **Expository** – Explaining something with just the facts
• **Descriptive** – Painting a picture with words
• **Persuasive** – Convincing the reader to accept your point of view





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Start organising your ideas & information
• Your essay should have an introduction paragraph which outlines the main aim of your essay.
• Include a number of body paragraphs which support and develop key arguments or points you want to make.
• Finish with one concluding paragraph which includes a summary of the essay's key points, a statement clarifying your general conclusion and why it is significant, referring to the question.



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Read the question again!

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Read the question again, then start writing
Write the body copy first, then the introduction and the conclusion last!

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Make your final amends

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Finished essay!

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Check your work!
Proofread for spelling, grammar and punctuation.