

How To Write A Definition Essay (Topics, Outline)

You know the funny thing is is that love is one of those terms that is really difficult to describe in like a few words. You kind of have to feel it to be able to understand it — do you know what I mean? --No Well that's a shame. What up guys it's Vlad from EssayPro and welcome back to another video! So today, I have a question for you guys. What similarities revolve around the terms Love, Happiness, and Beauty? I'll give you guys a couple of seconds to think about it. Times up! If you haven't guessed it yet, all of these terms are 'abstract' — meaning there isn't a clear-cut definition for any of them. In other words, this means that to fully explain them, one must think of more than just one sentence. That's right. In this case, we must create a 'Definition Essay'. If you have never written one before, don't sweat it. EssayPro is here to give you a complete guide on descriptive essay writing and it's multistep process. So without further ado, let's get started. So before we can even think about the writing process, we must understand the definition. In short, a [good essay writing service](#) is a type of writing in which the author develops a comprehensive explanation of one specific word. Now this just can't be a term like - sink, rock or cat. Why? Because these terms can be explained in, like, less than 10 words. So, terms that you should target can be categorized into 4 groups; Abstract Concepts, Controversial Terms, Slang Terms, and Terms with Multiple Meanings. So, if you were paying attention earlier, then you would remember that I mentioned Love, Happiness, and Beauty. These are all examples of 'Abstract Concepts'. So choose one of them, or something similar if you're looking to write a 'definition essay' from your personal experiences. Terms such as, crazy, right to live, and spirit animal are all examples of 'controversial language'. This means that various audiences disagree on their technical definition — giving you the opportunity to present your opinion on the most suitable one. Next, we have slang terms such as; Spill the Beans, John Hancock, and Couch Potato. These are terms that have a very deep history, since they were eventually worked into the English language — so, you can spend time unravelling their interesting past. Lastly, we have terms with multiple meanings. Examples of these are Draft, Squash, and Bass — since in different contexts, they hold various meanings. So I let you know how to locate one of these precious gems; it's time to move on to 'outlining'. So, a 'definition essay outline' will vary in length based on the term one is describing. As stated previously, some terms are fairly logical, and more or less, easy to understand. There are some terms, however, that require deep research and analysis in order to properly formulate an accurate meaning. Regardless, every 'definition essay' should be written in the classic - Intro, Body(s), Conclusion - format. First off, the introduction serves two main goals. Initially, you must give a 'standard definition' of the term, and then give the 'thesis definition'. The standard one in this case, is the universally accepted definition, or one that most people would agree with. Basically, this is the dictionary's explanation — if you really think about it. Now the 'thesis definition' is your fully completed (version) of what the term actually means. This is the hybrid of the standard definition, as it mixes in your personal experiences and explanation style. After providing the 'thesis definition', it is time to move on to the 'body paragraphs'. The body paragraphs are the part of the essay that really break down the term into its core parts. In essence, you are taking every variation of definition and its history, and breaking it down into 'organized sections'. An example of good body paragraph structure is; Body Paragraph 1 - History and Origin, Body Paragraph 2 - Full dictionary explanation and global use, and Body Paragraph 3 - Personal definition built from experience. This format allows you to fully carve the term's history, meanings, and your personal take on it. If done correctly, your audience should have a very clear and comprehensive picture in mind. After writing your 'body', it is time to finish off with the 'conclusion'. So the 'conclusion' is very simple and to the point. The main goal here is to summarize the main points from your body paragraphs. Rephrase the main parts of the definition, and make sure you summed up everything you planned on saying. The last thing that should be mentioned, is how this term has impacted you. Usually, before even writing the essay, there is a reason a specific term is picked, and part of the reason has to do with personal experience. Explain how this term, and all its surroundings, has impacted your life — giving the reader the sense of purpose. After you're done this, you are officially finished with your definition essay.

Congratulations! Alright guys, thanks for checking out our video. Now that you have the tools to write an awesome 'definition essay', get crackin' on the dictionary and brainstorm from some personal experiences. Like always, don't forget to like, share, and subscribe. And to watch our previous video on creating a captivating thesis statement, [click over here](#).