



Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the structure of an essay (introduction, body, conclusion).
- They will write essays on various topics with clarity and creativity.
- They will organize ideas logically and use appropriate language.

What is an Essay

An **essay** is a short formal piece of writing that deals with a single subject.

Generally an essay has three parts :

- **Introduction** : It gives the reader an idea of what they are about to learn and presents an argument in the form of a thesis statement.
- **A body or middle section** : It provides evidence used to prove and persuade the reader to accept the writer's particular point of view.
- **Conclusion** : A conclusion that summarizes the content and findings of the essay.

Types of Essays

There are basically four types of essays.

1. Narrative Essays : Telling a Story

In a **narrative essay**, the writer tells a story about a real-life experience. While telling a story may sound easy to do, the narrative essay challenges students to think and write about themselves. When writing a narrative essay, writers should try to involve the reader by making the story as vivid as possible.

2. Descriptive Essays : Painting a Picture

A cousin of the narrative essay, a **descriptive essay** paints a picture with words. A writer might describe a person, place, object, or even memory of special significance. The descriptive essay strives to communicate deeper meaning through the description. In a descriptive essay, the writer should show, not tell, through the use of colorful words and sensory details. The best descriptive essays appeal to the reader's emotions, with a result that is highly evocative.

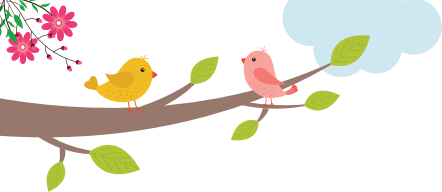
3. Expository Essays : Just the Facts

The **expository essay** is an informative piece of writing that presents a balanced analysis of a topic. In an expository essay, the writer explains or defines a topic, using facts, statistics and examples.

4. Persuasive Essays : Convince Me

The goal of the **persuasive essay** is to convince the reader to accept the writer's point of view or recommendation. The writer must build a case using facts and logic, as well as examples, expert opinion, and sound reasoning. The writer should present all sides of the argument, but must be able to communicate clearly and without equivocation why a certain position is correct.





Specimen Essays

My Favourite Author—Chetan Bhagat

Chetan Bhagat is a rising star in contemporary modern Indian literature. He is in fact a multitalented personality. He is an Indian author, columnist, screenwriter, television personality and motivational speaker. He is a noted public intellectual known for his English-language novels about young urban middle class Indians.

In 2008, The New York Times cited Bhagat as the biggest selling English language novelist in India's history. He was included in Time Magazine's list of World's 100 most influential people in 2010.

Bhagat was born on 22 April, 1974 in Delhi to a traditional Punjabi family. His father was an army officer and his mother was a government employee. He completed his school from a well known school in Delhi - The Army Public School. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Delhi and completed an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad.

He worked in Goldman Sachs in Hong Kong as an Investment Banker for nearly a decade. He wrote 'Five Point Someone' while still in Hong Kong, before moving to Mumbai to focus full-time on his writing career. After much struggle his first novel 'Five Point Someone' came in 2004 and this very first project led to immense rise in his fame. Bhagat reached the zenith of his popularity with his debut that was later turned into a critically acclaimed film titled, '3 Idiots' in 2009. It was followed by his second equally successful novel, 'One Night at a Call Center'. In fact it was adapted to the big-screen as 'Hello' and Bhagat himself wrote the screenplay. In 2008, he penned 'The 3 Mistakes of My Life' which is based on the all-time favourite Indian sport cricket. The novel gained popularity and the film adaptation released in 2013, 'Kai Po Che!', became a hit. Other novels that have been adapted into Bollywood films are '2 States' in 2014, and 'Half Girlfriend' in 2017.

'Revolution 2020', 'What Young India Wants' are also his creations. Bhagat also writes for the columns of The Times of India and Dainik Bhaskar among others. These columns have a deep focus on youth and national development issues. He is not only a good writer but also a motivational speaker. He has delivered many motivational speeches at various occasions in various institutes. He lives in Mumbai with his wife, Anusha, and his twin boys.

Write essay on the following topics.

1. My Aim in Life
2. The Role of a Soldier in the Defence of India
3. Covid-19 Pandemic

