

# Expository Essay vs. Persuasive Essay

The purpose of an **expository essay** is to explain or give information about something.



The purpose of a **persuasive essay** is to convince someone to think like you do.



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An **expository essay** contains:

1- background information on the topic,

2- a thesis statement,

3- three main points or ideas (explanations) about the topic,

4- at least three supporting details for each explanation,

5- a restatement of the thesis statement, and

6- a final thought on the topic.

A **persuasive essay** contains:

1- an introduction to the topic,

2- an opinion statement,

3- three main reasons to convince the reader of the opinion,

4- at least three supporting details for each reason,

5- a brief analysis of an opposing reason,

6- a restatement of the opinion, and

7- a call to action that encourages the reader to do something or to think a certain way.