

Writing An Essay or Presentation Plan

An essay plan is intended to keep you focused in research and in your writing. If you don't have focus, your audience will be lost.

The plan should be typed for clarity and follow this format:

Introduction:

- Hook us in. Write this after you crafted the entire essay – *don't rush this*. Find the right statement or quote that hooks us in.
- Present your thesis –the point for presenting the research that follows
- Outline for your reader what will done to prove your thesis. Tell them what topics will discussed in the essay, how it will be presented to us (your three parts of the Body)

Body:

- Each part of your body should have about three sub parts -- an organized and fluid way to structure and present your data.
- The body **MUST** be free of bias. It is impossible to convince a critical body that your are objective and rationale if you present information that is clearly biased or subjective.

Part 1-minimal bio, some historical context for us--laying groundwork for the topic discussed

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Part 2 - discuss artist's ideas using artworks as a model. You may discuss a period of the artwork and use one or a few examples of the work to make your point

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Part 3 -discuss another key idea or issue using art works as a model. You may discuss a period of the artwork and use one or a few examples of the work to make your point

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Conclusion:

This should be the best part of the essay. This is where you can use the evidence you presented to argue a point and take a position in relation to your thesis. This is where you interpret the data and point out implications of what you researched. You do things such as,

- Interpret part 1 through 3 in relation to the thesis.
- Ensure that you tie in ALL of the key points you made and show how they support or work against your thesis.
- Did you prove what you wanted to prove?
- What else did you notice or what other connections can you make?

Remember, once you have researched and presented your data, you are an authority on the topic. Make sure you make arguments and interpretations that reflect your level of understanding. Be smart.

Include at least three resources -- at least one must be a reputable text specific to your topic.

Prepare this at least one month before the essay is due. If your rush an essay you throw away the precious time needed for editing, reflecting, including earlier forgotten insights and ideas.

Essay plan

Name:

Topic:

Introduction

Thesis Statement	
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Body

Issue #1	i. ii. iii.
Issue #2	i. ii. iii.
Issue #3	i. ii. iii.

Conclusion

Pull your main points together to rationalize and interpret your evidence