



Essay Writing: Notes

What is an essay?

- **A short piece of writing that is written on a specific subject**
 - Usually gives the **author's opinion**
 - **Any length that the author chooses**

What are the types of essays?

- **Narrative Essay**
 - Tells a story in someone's **point of view**
- **Descriptive Essay**
 - It puts a **picture of something or someone** in the reader's head
- **Expository Essay**
 - **Explains** something to the reader
- **Persuasive Essay**
 - Goal is to **get the reader to agree** to the author's point of view

What are the parts of an essay?

- Usually **all essays have almost the same structure**:
 - **Introduction**
 - A way to give **background information and a basic summary** of what the content of the essay will be
 - **"Hooks"** the reader in/catches their interest so that they will continue to read the essay
 - **Body Paragraphs**
 - The part where the **actual story, description, explanation, or persuasion is given to the reader**
 - **Conclusion**
 - A way to **close out the essay smoothly** by giving some **last minute information**
 - May **briefly restate the ideas** mentioned in the essay