

## Definition Essay

A definition essay defines a certain person, place, or thing, through the duration of the text. Formal definitions contain three parts: 1.) the term to be defined, 2.) the general class to which the term belongs, and 3.) the things that make the term different from all other items in the general class to which the term belongs. All three of these parts should be in a definition essay. Mainly, definitions essays define by comparison or examples.

- I. Introduction: *Start broadly and end narrowly. Introductions aim to introduce the topic without giving too much away in the beginning. They end narrowly by concluding with the thesis statements, which is a preview for the rest of the paper.*
  - A. Thesis Statement: Friendship is shaped by trust, love, and fun times.
- II. Body Paragraph One: Trust
  - A. In this paragraph, talk about what trust is and how it defines what friendship is.
- III. Body Paragraph Two: Love
  - A. In this paragraph, talk about what love is and how it defines what friendship is.
- IV. Body Paragraph Three: Fun Times.
  - A. In this paragraph, talk about what fun times are and how it defines what friendship is.
- V. Conclusion: *Connect your individual ideas back to the overarching argument.*