



ESSAY / ARTICLE

An essay is a short, literary composition of a single subject, *usually presenting the personal view or opinion of the author*. Largely used in academia because essays require knowledge and citation.

| ESSAY | ARTICLE |
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| PURPOSE | |
| Is generally written as a response to a question or proposition. | Is written to inform, entertain, refute...some concept, event, etc. |
| FORMAT | |
| Are not written using headings or subheadings | Can use headings and subheadings |
| CITATIONS | |
| Require citations or references | Do not require citations or references |
| GRAPHICS | |
| Do not require photographs | Often accompanied by photographs, charts, graphs |
| TONE | |
| Subjective: they analyze and criticize a topic | Objective: they merely describe a topic |