

On Academic Writing and Writing Essay

Basic Directions

There are four levels in any written piece –

1. The Narrative Level.
2. The Paragraph Level.
3. The Sentence Level.
4. The Word Level.

The Narrative Level – Organize your writings magnificently. Start your piece with a bang and end it with a flourish, and embed it with powerful imagery.

The Paragraph Level – Weave the points through paragraphs and make your writing ordered and polished. Do not add any information of which you are not sure of. Do not make up any factual information just to provide your matter a glamorous touch.

The Sentence Level – Think the way of presenting a sentence before putting your ideas to paper. Come up with sharp, graceful and rhythmic expressions of your ideas.

The Word Level – Choose precise and evocative words.

Academic Writing

The key principles of academic writing are:-

- Your papers must have a clear purpose (inform, analyze, synthesize or persuade) and answer your topic question.
- Your papers must present your original point of view.
- Your writing must have a single focus – all paragraphs have to include relevant evidence (facts, expert opinions, quotations and examples) to support your thesis statement.
- You must follow a standard organizational pattern. Every academic text must include the following parts: an introduction, the main body, and a conclusion. Some papers may require an abstract.
- As an author, you need to provide clear, logical, and simple explanations to your reader.
- You should refer to a number of scholarly sources. You need to integrate source materials into your discussion. Take care to include all sources (books, articles from a scientific journal, publications on online resources) that you cite, introduce, analyze or explain on a reference list in the bibliography page.

- To ensure academic integrity, all college essays should be formatted in accordance with the requirements of one of the specific citation styles – APA (American Psychological Association), MLA (Modern Language Association), Harvard, Chicago that determine the rules for in-text citations, paper sections, format, reference list.

Essay Writing

Introduction paragraph

- First sentence
- Thesis statement

Body paragraph

- Give statistics
- Information on the subject
- Research on the topic
- Relevant data if any

Conclusion paragraph

- Restate your thesis statement
- Support arguments
- Write a call to action