

*What is an
essay?*

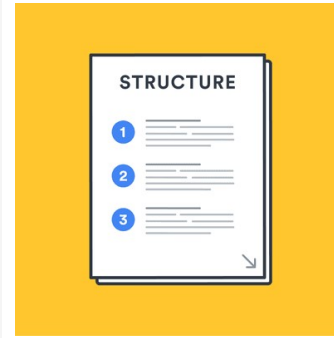




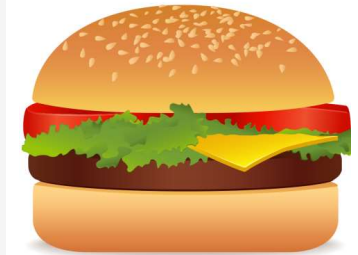
Features of an analytical essay



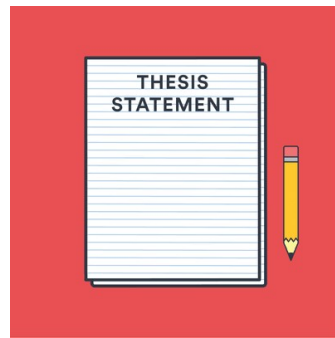
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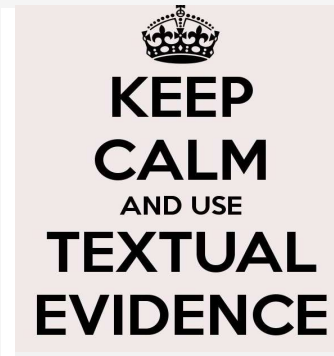
Structure: Introduction,
body, conclusion



Paragraph structure:
PEE



Clear thesis statement



Points supported by
evidence



Direct quotations

Introduction

- General information introducing the topic
- Thesis statement
- Name the points to be discussed (Body 1, 2, 3)

Plot summary

- Brief description of the relevant aspects of the plot (2 sentences).

Body 1

- First topic sentence supporting the thesis
- Evidence and explanation to support the topic sentence (scene, character and quote from the text).

Body 2

- Second topic sentence supporting the thesis
- Evidence and explanation to support the topic sentence (scene, character and quote from the text).

Body 3

- Third topic sentence supporting the thesis
- Evidence and explanation to support the topic sentence (scene, character and quote from the text).

Conclusion

- Thesis and main points restated.
- Add personal or thoughtful remarks to wrap up the essay.

Analysing the question



A family is a symbol of protection, loyalty and love, which creates an overall sense of belonging.

However, a family is not simply the one an individual is born into; it is also one that can be created.

*Explain what Hinton is saying about family in *The Outsiders*.*

Deconstructing the question

Family is a key theme from The Outsiders being examined



Three elements that could be addressed in your explanation of 'family' for the essay



A family is a symbol of protection, loyalty and love, which creates an overall sense of belonging. However, a family is not simply the one an individual is born into; it is also one that can be created.



Talk about the way that blood family and/or gang family relationships are portrayed in the novel.

Explain what Hinton is saying about family in The Outsiders.



Use examples from the text to demonstrate



The family-like bonds between the characters

Thesis statement

A thesis statement is one sentence that expresses the main idea of an essay.

It makes a claim, directly answering a question.

Hunt for the Wilderpeople example:

Through the characters of Ricky and Hector, Taika Waititi demonstrates that family is essential to physical and emotional survival in society.

A SUCCESSFUL THESIS STATEMENT:



- is usually one sentence
- is a statement, not a question
- identifies the subject of the paper
- takes a stand rather than simply announcing a subject

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Your turn...

Write your thesis statement answering the essay question for The Outsiders:

A family is a symbol of protection, loyalty and love, which creates an overall sense of belonging. However, a family is not simply the one an individual is born into; it is also one that can be created.

Explain what Hinton is saying about family in The Outsiders.