

Expository Essay: Overview & Submission Requirements

ESSAY PROMPT

Why did Charles Dickens write *A Christmas Carol*? What were his motivations? Goals? Desires?

To compose this essay, you will first need to investigate some of the history surrounding Charles Dickens's writing of *A Christmas Carol* by using the three articles listed below.

"Why Dickens Wrote *A Christmas Carol*"

<https://www.thoughtco.com/a-christmas-carol-by-charles-dickens-1773662>

"The Real Reason Charles Dickens Wrote *A Christmas Carol*"

<https://time.com/4597964/history-charles-dickens-christmas-carol/>

"Charles Dickens Wrote *A Christmas Carol* in Only Six Weeks"

<https://www.biography.com/news/charles-dickens-a-christmas-carol>

If you have trouble opening any of the links above, try copying and pasting the link into your web browser. Alternatively, these links are available on Weebly under Supplemental Resources.

EXPOSITORY THESIS STATEMENT: (See Pacing Guide for Due Dates)

Thesis Statement Emailed to Tutor

Thesis Development Worksheet and Research Notes

Step 1: Complete the in-class exercise. During this time, we will discuss the form of an expository thesis, discuss how you might respond to the prompt, and begin the Expository Thesis Development worksheet.

Step 2: Finish the Expository Thesis Development worksheet and write your working thesis statement. *An expository thesis must use strong, clear word choice that explains your topic to your audience. It must also include 3 prongs or controlling ideas that will guide the body paragraphs in your essay.*

Step 3: Read each article and copy relevant quotes onto the provided note sheets.

Remember, quality research means looking for the best quotes and ideas that directly and specifically support your three thesis prongs. Always gather more information than you think you might need.

BODY PARAGRAPHS OUTLINE:

Write a full sentence outline of your three body paragraphs using basic body paragraph structure. The outline must be typed and MLA formatted. Full assignment directions are available on Weebly.

INTRODUCTION & CONCLUSION OUTLINE:

Write a full sentence outline of your introduction paragraph and conclusion paragraph. The outline must be typed and MLA formatted. Full assignment directions are available on Weebly.

FINAL DRAFT with WORKS CITED PAGE:

Before you begin, schedule a time with a parent to revise your final draft together. Parents are busy. Do not drop this task on them at the last minute, but proactively and courteously arrange for a block of time to work together. You may need several hours and/or more than one session together.

Edit your final essay draft

- Step 1: Following the tutor feedback on your outlines, make the necessary edits and revisions as you convert your essay from outline form to paragraph form.
- Step 2: Print a copy of the Expository Essay Parent Rubric (Weebly) and give it to your parent. Work together to read and revise your draft. Keep making the necessary edits and changes until all of items on the checklist are complete and correct.
- Step 4: Read through your full essay one more time – OUT LOUD. If satisfied, you have now completed the final draft and are ready to submit.

Submit your essay as follows:

- Submit a digital copy to Turnitin by class time on the due date. You may only upload once. Do not upload until you are completely finished making all revisions.
- Submit all essay documents in a 2-pocket folder as noted below:

In the right folder pocket, insert in the following order:

- *A clean, printed copy* of your Final Draft with pages stapled (on top)
- Completed and signed Parent Rubric (bottom)

In the left folder pocket, insert in the following order:

- Graded Body Paragraph Outline (on top)
- Graded Intro & Conclusion Outline (middle)
- Graded Thesis Development Worksheet and Research Notes (bottom)