

THE ART OF ESSAY WRITING



HVISTORY
ESSAY SCHOOL – PART 1

FOREWORD

One of the most valuable skills you can take with you from high school to college is the art of writing good academic texts. When it comes to the subject of history it's important to write analytical texts.

To help you with this we (HVISTORY) have put together some simple lessons in **"THE ART OF ESSAY WRITING"**.



This is Part 1.



MAIN PARTS OF AN ESSAY

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Main text**
- 3. Conclusion**



INTRODUCTION

An introduction consists of two major parts:

1. A **question** or a **statement**
2. A brief explanation of what's coming in the essay – an **outline**

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MAIN TEXT:
- PART 1
- PART 2
- PART 3
- PART 4
CONCLUSION



MAIN TEXT

An essay is usually an argumentative text. Therefore, there should be a sufficient number of focused arguments that clearly show good knowledge of your main topic. If we break up the main text into a few pieces we can speak of the following parts:

1. **Background.** This is the very first part of your main text. It gives the reader the necessary historical context.
2. **Arguments.** Arguments are a mixture of important factual knowledge and focused assertions.
3. **Discussion.** The last part varies in size. Some students prefer to place the whole discussion after the background and arguments while other students have an ongoing discussion and therefore write a short summarizing comment.



CONCLUSION



In the conclusion you can bring up the most essential elements of the essay and emphasize the arguments used to answer the question or statement.

Alternatively you can have a summarizing comment of the parts you treated in the main text. This text **HAS TO BE** connected with the question/statement in the introduction.

In this concluding part you may not introduce any new facts.



ESSAY 1 - WWI

In a few weeks you will write your first essay in this history course. In our evaluation we will especially look at the following parts:

1. *That you have written a clear **introduction** with a distinct **question** or **statement***
2. *That you have presented several **arguments** in an acceptable manner in the **main text***
3. *That you have demonstrated good **factual knowledge** to support your arguments*
4. *That you have an elaborate **conclusion** clearly linked to your question or statement in the introduction*
5. *That you made the different essay parts visible by leaving a space between the different main parts and the different arguments (**visual clarity**)*
6. *That no matter your previous knowledge in history you really tried to do the best you could!*

The image features a classic hypnotic spiral background, consisting of concentric circles that create a sense of depth and motion. The colors are primarily red and black, with the spiral transitioning from a dark red at the center to a black outer edge. Overlaid on this background is the text "That's all Folks!" in a white, elegant cursive font. The text is positioned diagonally across the center of the spiral, starting from the left side and ending on the right. The overall aesthetic is reminiscent of the iconic ending of a Looney Tunes cartoon.

That's all Folks!