



Academic Essay

An academic essay is a formal essay that adheres to the conventions of its discipline. For example, an essay in the field of literature is usually built upon evidence presented from literary texts, while an essay in a scientific discipline typically references data that has been collected through research. Like essays in general, an academic essay includes a claim that is arguable and rational. Evidence and reasoning must support the claim, and information must be structured in a logical way that builds towards a conclusion. However, each academic field has its own conventions and expectations when it comes to presenting a formal essay.

In what academic field are you writing? _____

What conventions will you be expected to follow when:

<p>Stating your claim or position?</p>	
<p>When organizing your reasons and evidence?</p>	
<p>When structuring your essay?</p>	
<p>When citing sources?</p>	