

Name _____ **Academic Essay**



Define and Analyze

The goal of an academic essay is to persuade readers that a particular viewpoint or idea is correct. The author accomplishes this goal by presenting and arranging evidence to convince the reader. The characteristics of an academic essay are as follows:

- It answers a question or task
- It includes a thesis statement
- It presents or develops an argument that supports the thesis with reasoning and evidence/examples from academic texts or credible sources

To get started on your academic essay, first **define the question** that you plan to answer, and **analyze the question/task at hand**.

What is the question you plan to answer with your essay?

What key words will you discuss or analyze?

What approach does answering this question require you to take?
