

To get credit for a missed lab, you must Hand Write a research paper on the topics covered in the lab. This is a formal project and must follow the Rules below.

How to Write an Academic Essay

STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Part One -- INTRODUCTION (one or two paragraphs)

- General attention-getting opening on the subject
- Narrow ideas/first mention of the ideas of the essay (topic sentences in the body)
- Focused thesis statement: exactly what the essay will prove in relation to the requirements of the prompt

Part Two -- BODY (at least 3 paragraphs, but as many as needed)

- Topic sentence – focusing idea for this paragraph
- Discussion of the ideas of the topic
- Quotes and/or specific examples proving paragraph topic
- Analysis of the ideas of this paragraph and connection to how this paragraph proves the thesis in the intro.
- Transition sentence that concludes this paragraph's ideas and moves into the ideas discussed in the next paragraph

Part Three -- CONCLUSION (one or two paragraphs)

- Restate the thesis (look at intro)
- Summarize the topics in your body paragraphs (look at topic sentences)
- Graceful general exiting statement (mirrors the intro opening statement)

LANGUAGE & SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Voice, Tone, Sentence Structure

- Voice and tone are academic (no swearing, slang, or arguing with the task)
- Point of view is 3rd person, unless the prompt specifically asks for the writer's 1st person agreement/disagreement, opinion, experience, or observation
- Vocabulary is graceful, articulate, and accurate; writer uses language to elevate the discussion and not distract from it (no word choice errors)
- Sentence structure is varied and controlled (no run-ons, fragments, or awkward sentence structure that may impede reader's comprehension of the argument)

GRAMMAR & MECHANICS -- Proofread and correct in final draft!

- No spelling errors OR words spelled correctly but used incorrectly (for example: college vs. collage)
- No subject/verb agreement errors (For example: The women wants her book now.)
- No plural/possessive noun errors (For example: The country's are all in agreement.)
- Titles are underlined or in quotation marks (underlined = longer complete works: books, plays, magazine, newspapers; quotation marks = short works: short stories, poems, articles, etc.)
- No punctuation errors: comma, colon, semi-colon errors
- No capitalization errors
- Correctly formatted manuscript using MLA guidelines (including parenthetical citations and works cited pages)