Explain It Clearly!

Writing informative essays that teach your reader







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Today we will...



WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Explain a topic with facts, not opinions
- Select and organize relevant facts clearly
- Write a strong factual thesis statement

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- I can tell informative from opinion writing
- I can pick facts and group them
- I can write a clear thesis sentence

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Key words

informative

explaining with facts, not opinions

thesis statement

one sentence that gives the essay's main focus

credible source

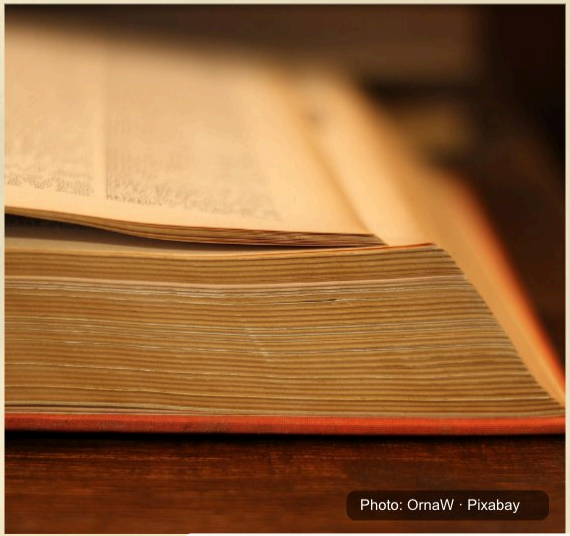
trustworthy place known for accurate facts

organize

put ideas in a clear order

analysis

breaking facts down to show meaning



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BIG IDEA

Teach the reader something new — let facts do the talking.





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Pick a Winner

Which topic could you explain well in one essay?



A. How school recycling works

B. The entire history of science

C. Why your favorite snack is the best

Vote with your hands, then explain why.

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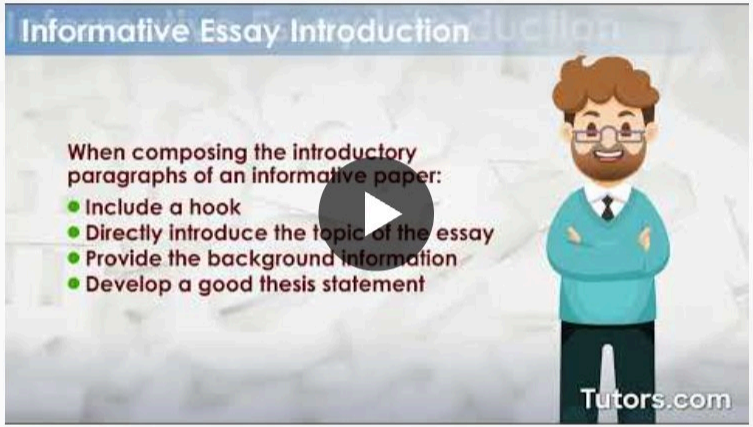
What Makes It Informative?



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- Listen for purpose: to educate, not persuade
- Notice essay parts: hook, thesis, body, close
- Spot example facts versus opinions



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Detectives of Facts

- Writers gather clues from books and trusted websites before they explain anything.

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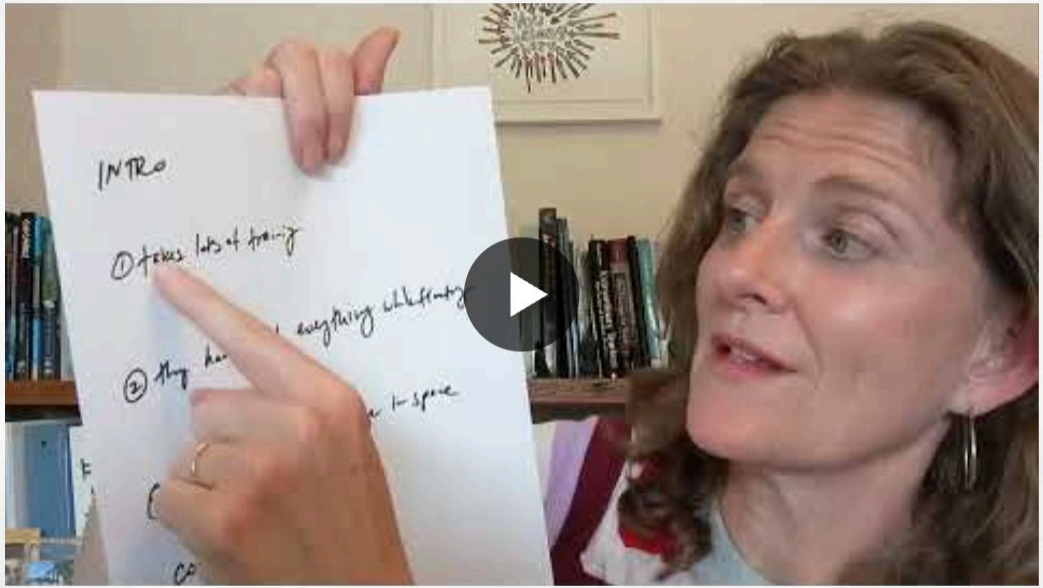
Organize Like a Pro



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- Watch how evidence is selected and grouped
- Notice how each paragraph has one focus
- Listen for linking facts to the thesis





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Your task



In pairs, plan an informative essay about how sleep helps your brain and body.

1. Pick a narrow focus you could teach in 3 paragraphs
2. Write one factual thesis sentence, no opinions
3. List 3 group headings and one fact for each

10 min

In pairs

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Build Strong Body Paragraphs



1. Start each paragraph with one clear focus
2. Add facts, examples, and short quotes
3. Explain how each fact connects
4. Keep language clear and factual throughout

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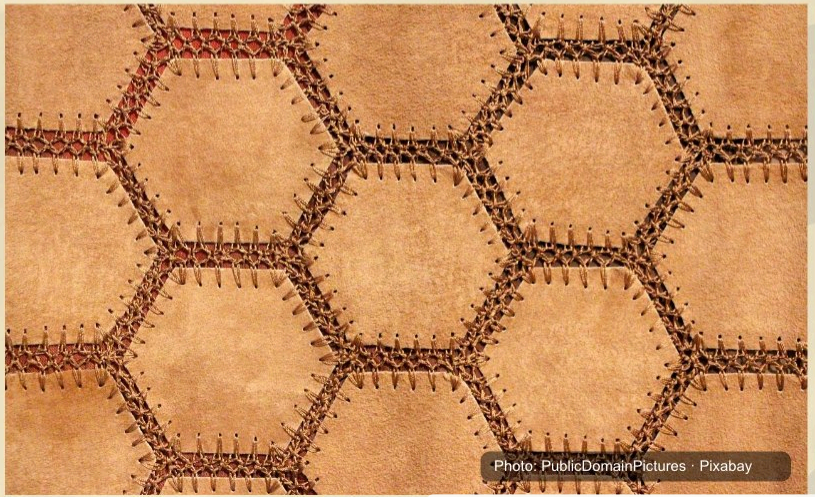
What could this be?

What does strong informative writing have in common with this?



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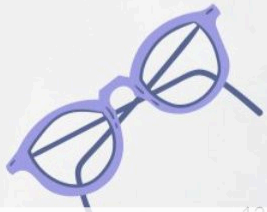
Quick quiz

1. What is the job of an informative essay?
2. What does a thesis statement do?
3. Each body paragraph should do what?
4. What makes a source credible?





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