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Informative Essays Explained

Teach a topic with facts and structure

About 30 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

Informative Essays Teach

An informative essay educates the reader through **facts**, **organization**, and **analysis**. It stays balanced with no personal opinion.



- Select a focused topic you find interesting
- Use credible sources like books, magazines, and expert sites
- Take notes on facts, statistics, examples, and quotes with citations
- Thesis states the main focus; each body paragraph covers one key point

Key words

thesis statement: one sentence that tells the main focus

introduction: opening paragraph with the thesis

analysis: explaining what facts mean

credible source: trusted book, article, or expert known for accurate facts

body paragraph: part of an essay that explains one key point

citation: note showing where facts came from

Task A

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Read the example in the middle and answer with facts.

Who?
Who was involved?

What?
What is the essay topic?

Where?
Where will research come from?

A student plans an informative essay about how the school recycling program works

When?
When is personal opinion included?

Why?
Why narrow a broad topic?

How?
How is the body organized?

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Plan Your Essay

Put the writing steps in order.

Task B

Example done for you

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Number the steps 1-6 in the correct order.

- [1] Choose a focused topic you find interesting
- [ ] Research credible sources and take notes with citations
- [ ] Check facts, citations, and remove any opinion
- [ ] Look for patterns and write a clear thesis statement
- [ ] Draft introduction, body, and conclusion in order
- [ ] Organize body paragraphs with one key point each

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Discuss and Judge

Talk through ideas and evaluate evidence.

Task C

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Fill the empty bubbles with a clear response.

Student A I want to explain how sleep affects focus in middle school. Is that focused enough?

Student B .....

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Student A My thesis: Sleep affects focus, mood, and grades for middle school students.

Student B .....

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Student A Should I add that I think naps are the best?

Student B .....

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⚖ Task D

Make a claim, give evidence, and ask a question.

This paragraph belongs in an informative essay: School gardens teach plant growth, save money on produce, and build teamwork, based on library books and science articles.

My claim

Claim: Yes, it is informative. Support: It gives three factual points from credible sources with no opinion. Question: What data shows how much money is saved?

Support: what I see or know

A question I still have

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can explain what an informative essay does	☹	😐	☺
I can organize research into a thesis and points	☹	😐	☺
I can use credible evidence without opinion	☹	😐	☺

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Answer sheet: Informative Essays Explained

Task A

Who: A seventh-grade student writer and classmates as readers

What: How the school recycling program works

Where: From credible sources like books, magazines, and expert websites

When: Never - no personal opinions are included

Why: So it can be covered fully in the assigned length

How: Each body paragraph explains one key point that supports the thesis

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Task B

1. Choose a focused topic you find interesting 2. Research credible sources and take notes with citations 3. Look for patterns and write a clear thesis statement 4. Organize body paragraphs with one key point each 5. Draft introduction, body, and conclusion in order 6. Check facts, citations, and remove any opinion

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Task C

1. Student B: Yes, it is focused and can be covered with facts.
2. Student B: That is clear because it gives three points for the body.
3. Student B: No, leave out opinion and use only credible evidence.

Task D

Answers will vary, e.g. Claim: Yes, it is informative. Support: It gives three factual points from credible sources with no opinion. Question: What data shows how much money is saved?

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