

How To Write An Analytical Essay: What Is It?

hi guys and welcome to the first video in the how to write an analytical essay series this series is going to walk you through how to write an analytical essay which you'll find yourself doing more of as you progress through senior English. let's have a look at what we're going to be doing after this video at the moment there are nine videos that could grow and it's going to walk you through from beginning to end how to write your essay. I definitely recommend that you watch it in this order but. I haven't numbered them because there's no reason why you can't go back and forth as you need and especially if there's something that you haven't quite grasped.

I definitely recommend that you go back over it to make sure that you've really understood it okay. let's get started in each of these videos there's going to be an objective screen. this is going to go through what are the real takeaway things that you need to remember for that lesson and what do you really need to know. if by the end of that lesson you're not quite sure um of these things. I really recommend you go back re-watch it to make sure that you really understand them. today three things number one understand what an analytical essay actually is number two understand what is in an analytical essay and number three be able to identify the kind of questions that you're going to get okay. what does analytical actually mean. here we're talking about analyzing we're talking about looking really deeply at a text and being able to answer questions that begin with something like how or why. rather than a wat question which you can kind of arts really quickly going to that next level and and here we're talking about deconstructing the text. when we say deconstruct we mean pull it to pieces really pull it apart tease out what your central idea is what that main idea what is the film or the novel or the play what is it actually about then this is really important you're talking about techniques. everything that author or the director or the playwright does is for a reason they've chosen on purpose to elicit a reaction in their audience or their reader. as an English student you're looking at deconstructing their text to figure out what are they trying to get the audience to do and why do we do this.

I promise we don't do this to talk to you we're trying to get you to understand that language and that's all around you it creates meaning. when we analyze a text we look at it and much much more deeply and we look at for how the author creates meaning. what is an essay I'm sure that you've heard this term before and. I want you to you to note that it's not scary it's not something that you have to be afraid of it is basically just a really formal piece of writing it's really structured and it presents a point of read. you are arguing something you are trying to use some use evidence from the text to support your argument and we call this your thesis okay.

I'm not sure if you've seen this before but the burger is a really really good analogy for how to structure an essay and this is what goes into it. our top bun is going to be an introduction this is where you tell your reader what you're going to tell them in the essay now the filling these your body paragraphs and this is where you basically tell them what you want to tell them in your essay. number one you've told them what you're going to tell them number two you tell them and number three for your conclusion surprise surprise tell them what you've told them this sounds very repetitive but it actually makes for a really clear piece of writing okay. I've got a list of sample questions here and this is for something called a single text. this could be a film a novel a play really anything but it's a single text on its own okay and the kind of things I've highlighted here are key words like how to what extent show how and how these words that are going to appear more and more on the kind of questions that you're looking at I've also got some poetry questions here most of these will start within a howl or show how. feel free to pause this at any point if you'd like to have a deep look at these questions but the main thing. I want you to focus on is that we're talking about two main things in every question first one techniques. things um [what matters to you and why stanford essay examples](#) things that the author or the director is chosen on purpose and then how they link to something called a central idea which is a theme. you've probably heard that word before. how does it relate to this main idea could be something like love or peace or war. many different kinds okay. that's the first video done and dusted well done and the next video is going to be all about planning. sometimes when you get a question it can be really tempting to think yep got it go away let me start writing my essay but. I promise you it's really really important to plan first. look forward to seeing all of you next time see you later.