

Expository (biography) Essay Format

Introduction Paragraph:

Capture audience's attention with *bold facts, funny/interesting anecdotes*, etc.

Share some facts about this person's life *then* and *now*.

List three *areas/characteristics* you plan to discuss about this person.

(These areas should be the last sentence of this paragraph. This is your "Thesis Statement")

Body Paragraph 1:

Use an order word from the transitions chart: "first of all, firstly, to open."

Repeat the first *area/characteristic* in the first sentence (Topic Sentence)

Give *supporting evidence/examples*. (Detail Sentences)

Write a sentence to sum all this information up. (Clincher Sentence)

Body Paragraph 2:

Use an order word from the transitions chart: "second of all, secondly, next."

Repeat the second *area/characteristic* in the first sentence (Topic Sentence)

Give *supporting evidence/examples*. (Detail Sentences)

Write a sentence to sum all this information up. (Clincher Sentence)

Body Paragraph 3:

Use an order word from the transitions chart: "third of all, thirdly, also, in addition."

Repeat the third *area/characteristic* in the first sentence (Topic Sentence)

Give *supporting evidence/examples*. (Detail Sentences)

Write a sentence to sum all this information up. (Clincher Sentence)

Additional Body Paragraphs if you need:

Use the same format as the first three body paragraphs.

Conclusion Paragraph:

Tell us some more interesting facts/stories about this person's life.

Use this person's favorite quotes with an explanation.

Tell the reader what we can learn from this person's life or from his/her class.

Use an order word from the transitions chart: "lastly, in conclusion, to conclude..."

Restate your "Thesis Statement in a different manner than in the intro."