

The Expository Essay ('How To')

The Assignment

Assignment Guidelines:

You are going to create an effective expository essay on the following topic:

How to make a peanut butter & jam sandwich

Remember that the purpose of this essay is to **explain**, and in this situation you are going to tell the reader how to make the best PB & J sandwich. By explaining a topic to the reader, you are demonstrating your own knowledge.

A well-written exposition remains **focused on its topic and lists events in chronological/sequential order**. That means starting from the very beginning and working through, step-by-step, until the end. How will you do this in terms of the sandwich??



Points to remember:

The trick is that the reader *has never made a PB & J sandwich before*, so you cannot assume that the reader knows what you are talking about.

Key words such as first, after, next, then, last, before that, and usually signal sequential writing. Second-person instructions with "you" are acceptable. However, the use of first-person pronouns should be avoided (For example, I, I think, I believe etc...).

Assignment Structure:

The essay must include a word count at the top of the page, underneath your name.

Word count must be **300-400 words**.

Use Times New Roman font, 12 pt. (Double-Spaced)

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