



The Four Types of Essays

1. **The Expository Essay** (explanation)
 - ❖ Describes or explains a topic.
 - ❖ For example, an essay entitled "The Care and Maintenance of a Bicycle" would be an expository essay

2. **The Narrative Essay** (recounting)
 - ❖ Uses a single well told story as the basis for drawing a conclusion or making a statement of opinion.
 - ❖ For example "My Most Exciting Bicycle Adventure" would be a narrative essay.

3. **The Argumentative/Persuasive Essay**
 - ❖ Presents a reasoned series of arguments in support of a position.
 - ❖ For example, an essay entitled "Cars or Scooters: Which is the Most Effective Method of Transportation?" would be an argumentative essay.

4. **The Descriptive Essay**
 - ❖ More than many other types of essays, descriptive essays strive to create a deeply involved and vivid experience for the reader.
 - ❖ Great descriptive essays achieve this affect not through facts and statistics but by using detailed observations and descriptions.
 - ❖ For example, an essay entitled "My Grandfather" would be a descriptive essay.