

Vocabulary list

Thesis statement is a single sentence, preferably a simple declarative sentence, that expresses the basic idea around which the paper will develop. (Webster University)

It states the purpose and main idea of your essay to your audience. The thesis statement declares the main purpose of the entire paper.

Claim is an assertion that supports a thesis.

Counterclaims are simply the arguments opponents make to refute your claims.

Evidence is the information that supports a claim and persuades others to believe

Supporting details are pieces of information necessary to better understand the main idea. They can be facts, reasons, testimonies, statistics, and experiments that support the topic sentence.

Major Details directly support the topic sentence

Minor Details directly support the major details

Outlining – summarizing the essential features of a text in hierarchical or logical order

Skim – to look over or read quickly specially to find the main ideas

Text – a piece of writing, written or printed material

Thesis statement – states the purpose and/or central idea of a text

Paradox- made up of two opposite things and that seems impossible but is actually or may be true or possible

Evaluation- to judge the value or condition of something in a careful and thoughtful way; to determine significance or worth

Demography-statistical study of human population with reference to size and density, distribution and vital statistics

Patriarchy- a family, group or government controlled or led by man or group of men

Tripartite- involving three people, groups or part

Types Of Text Structures

DESCRIPTION	features a detailed description of something to give the reader a mental picture
CAUSE & EFFECT	the causal relationship between a specific event, idea, or concept and the events, ideas, or concept that follow.
COMPARISON /CONTRAST	examines the similarities and differences between two or more people, events, concepts, ideas, etc.
ORDER/ SEQUENCE	gives readers a chronological of events or a list of steps in a procedure.
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER	information in a passage is organized by the time in which each event occurred.
PROBLEM-SOLUTION	sets up a problems, explains the solution, and discusses the effects of the solution.
ENUMERATION	list of parts, or characteristics indicated by word cues such as first, second, in addition , finally and also.

Academic Text		Features of Academic Writing		Techniques in Summarizing	
Critical		Complexity		Read the work first	
Objective		Formality		Present information through facts, skills and visual formats.	
Specialized		Precision		Know the main points and its supporting details	
based on facts		Objectively		Analyze the text	
formal		Explicitness		Think of the main information included in the summary	
Technical		Accuracy		Organize all ideas	
Examples of Academic Text		Responsibility		Paraphrase words	
Literary Analysis	examines, evaluates and makes an argument about a literary work	Organization		Write info coherently	
Research Paper	uses information to support a thesis. Uses primary and secondary sources.	Planning			
Disser-tation	a book length summarization of the doctoral candidate				
Writing Structure		Characteristics of Academic Writing		Thesis Statement	
IMRad	Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion	Clear		single declarative sentence expressing the basic idea of the paper	
Three part essay	Introduction, Body and Conclusion	Concise			
		Focused		Good thesis statement	
Structure- important feature of academic writing, enables reader to read better understand the argument. A clear, structure and logical flow are needed for a cohesive text.		Structured		has a side on an issue	
Introduction- gives the general information and background		Based on facts		specific	
Body - gives definitions, classifications, explanations, contrast, examples and evidences		Simple		unified and has one idea	
Conclusion- summarizes the main scope and evaluates the importance of the topic in the future.		Objective		not only states fact but sets the stage for analysis	
Types of Academic Writing		Logical		Pick topic	
Descriptive		Text Structure		Ask question	
Analytical		how the information within a written text is organized		Formulate thesis statement based on question	
Persuasive		Language used in academic Writing		Outlining	
Critical		Formal	formal vocab, avoids redundancy, choose strong and specific verbs	-summarizing the essential features of a text in hierarchical or logical order	
		Objective	impersonal language		
		Technical	must be clear	Finalizing Outline	
Summarizing Academic Text				Thesis statement at the beginning	
Reducing text to one third or one quarter its original size, clearly articulating the author's meaning and retaining main ideas.				major points that supports your thesis	
				supporting ideas or arguments	
				continue to subdivide supporting idea until the outline is done if applicable	
				Critique Writing	
				a text that contains the opinion regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the art or piece of writing.	



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