

Essay Writing Pass

Make essay writing fun by letting students build well-structured pieces together.

Level: Advanced

Time: 45 minutes – 1 hour

Materials: Paper, pens/pencils, sample essay (optional)

Objective: Students will know the format of a basic five-paragraph essay and will be able to use this format when writing their own English essays.

1. Presentation:

Tell the students about the parts of a typical 5-paragraph essay:

Parts of an Essay

1) Introduction: First Paragraph

This is where you introduce your topic and lay out your argument or thesis statement.

2) Body: Three Paragraphs

Each paragraph provides a different piece of information or argument that supports the thesis.

3) Conclusion: Final paragraph

Restate your argument and sum up your conclusions.

Find an example of an essay for the students to read, perhaps one in their textbooks. You can use topics and vocabulary that you have been covering in class. Have students examine the essay and note the parts of the essay and how they function in the piece as a whole.

2. Practice

Pass out a blank piece of paper to each student. Write a typical essay prompt on the board. Have students work on writing an introduction for an essay on the given prompt. Walk around the class and assist where necessary. After the students have written their introductions, have them pass their papers one person to the left. The students should read the introductions and then try and write one supporting body paragraph for an essay with that introduction. After they have written their body paragraphs, the students will once again pass their papers to the left. Now, they will write conclusions to the essays in front of them.

3. Production

Reveal another prompt and have students write a five-paragraph essay for homework.