

Important Considerations in Essay Development



- Understand the Nature and Length of an Assignment:
 - Be clear about what paper the instructor wants from you.
 - If you are not sure, ask your instructor from the start.
 - find out early on how long a paper is expected to be.

* see Chapter 7 booklet, pp 171.

Know your subject



- When possible, try to write about a subject that interests you.
- If you are asked about a subject that you don't have experience in, do some research to gain background knowledge.
- Without the background information, you may not be able to provide specific evidence.

Know your purpose and Audience



- Your audience will be primarily your instructor, and sometimes your classmates.
- Then, generally, your audience is an educated adult who expects your ideas to be clear, direct, and well-organized.

Patterns of Essay Development



- Description
- Narration
- Exposition [exemplification, process, Cause and Effect, Comparison or contrast, Definition, division and classification)
- Argument

**while each essay that you write will involve one predominant pattern, often one or more additional patterns may be involved, too.

Developing a Cause-and-Effect Essay



- The main purpose of a cause-and-effect essay is to explain (1) The Causes of a particular event or situation (2) The effects of an event or a situation; or more rarely (3) a combination of both.
- The type of the essay will depend on your topic and point. For example, if you want to talk about the impact of someone on your life, you will focus on the effects. However, if you want to explain why something happens, your focus will be on the causes.

* See chapter 12 (booklet) pp. 265.

* See 'Cause-and-Effect sample essay

Brainstorming about causes and effects

Chapter 4 – Mosaic book



Causes	Effects

Using Cause-and-Effect expressions (p. 71)



- When writing a cause-and effect essay it is useful to consider using some cause-and-effect expressions to tie together your essay.
- See p. 71 (Mosaic book) for the most common expressions.

Review points about the thesis



- An academic essay includes an introduction with a thesis statement, the main discussion (body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- A thesis statement tells the topic and expresses the main idea (point) of the essay.
- It usually appears at the end of the introductory paragraph.
- It can include two to four supporting ideas. You should be able to develop each supporting idea in one paragraph.
- Each supporting idea should have the same degree of generality; that is, don't put a general idea with a very specific one.

Assignment (p. 77)



Write an essay about what people can eat, do, or think about that contributes to good health. Focus on cause and effect, a good thesis statement, and the vocabulary and expressions you learned