

Five Paragraph Expository Essay

Authors use expository text structures to arrange information. The following are types of text structures found in content textbooks, magazines, and reference material.

- *Problem/solution*
- *Compare/contrast*
- *Cause/effect*
- *Main idea/detail*
- *Descriptive Writing*

The key elements of an expository essay may often be prioritized in this order:

- *What*
- *How*
- *Why*
- *Where*

An Example of an Expository Prompt:

In a multi-paragraph letter, explain to your teacher what you have learned (inside or outside of school) and why it is important.

Point One: What (what have you learned)

Point Two: Why (why it is important)

Point Three: Why (why it is important)

Students should be able to explain the key elements (what, how, why, and where) of an expository essay. Students should be able to name these key elements without looking at a chart.