

## Parts of an Essay

Detailed below are the key components of an academic, college-level essay. As you draft and revise your essays, keep in mind these fundamental parts so you can construct a stronger, more effective, and convincing essay.

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unsubstantiated, while a well-developed point will answer any questions a reader might have and will lead to a conclusion (of sorts) before the end of the paragraph or section. Well-developed essays not of

**Use of other texts** When we incorporate ideas, terms, and arguments from other writers, we involve ourselves in a scholarly or critical community by participating in an ongoing debate or dialogue about a particular topic. **Citation** the noting and recording of words or ideas taken from another writer is central to the idea of academic or scholarly dialogue. The need for citation is obvious when the writer is quoting material from another writer quotations mark

concerns inherent in every piece of writing.