

Definition Essay Assignment and Rubric (In Class Essay)

Definition writing can be a key component of many types of writing, especially informative and persuasive writing, where defining key terms is pertinent to effectively conveying information and accomplishing the purpose of the essay. However, definition writing can also function on its own, where well-defined examples can help explain a personal definition of a word.

For this essay, your job will be to define one of the words in the following list. You will express your personal definition of the word in a strong thesis statement and explore the meaning of that word through well-illustrated examples. Your job will be to convince your audience—in this case, a group of people gathered to discuss and determine the “true” definition of the word—that your definition is the best definition of this word. Your ability to choose strong examples, effectively present them to the reader, and showcase their relevance to the definition of the word will be key.

You must choose one word from the following list.

<i>Nature</i>	<i>Truth</i>
<i>Mature</i>	<i>Elegance</i>
<i>Beauty</i>	<i>Magical</i>
<i>Mysterious</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>Intelligence</i>	<i>Success</i>
<i>Culture</i>	<i>Romance</i>
<i>Partner</i>	<i>Privacy</i>
<i>Diversity</i>	<i>Style</i>
<i>Femininity</i>	<i>Masculinity</i>
<i>Courage</i>	<i>Genius</i>

This essay should accomplish the following:

- State the definition of your chosen word in a strong thesis statement
- Follow the format of a proper introduction: attention getter, introduction of subject and audience, and thesis
- Have a logical organization, including a defined introduction, body, and conclusion
- Convey your definition with well-chosen and illustrated examples
- Convince your reader that your definition is the best one for the word
- Have good organization, with three clearly stated points and a five paragraph structure

This essay will be written as an in-class essay during class from Monday April 4 to Wednesday April 6. You will turn in your draft at the end of Monday’s class, and it will be returned to you at the beginning of Wednesday’s class before turning in your final product that day. If you finish early, take the time to revise and edit your essay as well as ask for feedback from me. It is recommended that you write the essay on a separate sheet of paper before copying it to your answer sheet. THIS IS A ONE-SHOT ESSAY. THERE WILL BE NO REVISION OR PEER REVIEW OF THIS ESSAY.

You will be provided with the prompt and bulleted list on a prepared answer sheet.