

Four Elements of an Essay

Make a point (a point is an opinion, an assertion)

Examples (Thesis sentences)

Even though hydrogen is the most common element in the universe, it will not be a cost-effective solution to the fossil fuel crisis.

The three steps to inserting an IV are

Beginning Tuesday, let's park in the back of the store.

John Milton's Paradise Lost is the greatest epic poem of the seventeenth century.

Adding vinegar to the sodium bicarbonate solution caused two reactions.

When encountering an accident, follow these steps.

NO to ANNOUNCEMENTS

~~*In this essay, I want to*~~

~~*The purpose of this paper is to*~~

~~*In this paper, I will talk about*~~

Support the point

Provide examples, explanations, reasons why, anecdotal evidence, authoritative support (words of others) ----any fair method to help your reader understand and agree with your point.

Organize the support in a sensible order

Chronological order, emphatic order, cause-effect, (these are called *rhetorical structures*)

Present it in Standard English—be sure it conforms to the accepted rules

Check spelling, punctuation, sentencing, word choice--*the key*—read aloud

Links

[*The Milkshake Essay Example*](#)

[*"Why China Must . . ."*](#) Professional Article Example, Michael Auslin, *National Review*, 03/31/2020