

Basic Resources for Writing

Minnesota State University Moorhead Nursing Department Writing Resources

Please note that these resources provide a wealth of information. In a land-based course, these things would be covered in textbooks, lectures and handouts. They are provided here with permission by Dr. Coghill (2000©), MSUM English Department. In distance education (DE), communication is predominantly text based-what you see on the screen tells you a lot about the author. Writing and being able to express yourself is paramount in DE.

Useful Resources		
Library And Reference Sources	Technology Sources	Writing Tutorials
MSUM Library New York Public Library	MSUM Technology Resources	The Owl at Purdue Paradigm Online Writing Assistant
Writing Tips That Apply To Every Assignment		
Before You Write	Edit and Revise	Grammar and Mechanics
Developing An Outline How To Conduct An Interview Organize Your Ideas How to Write Thesis Statements Writing Tips: Thesis Statement	Improving Your Writing Style Elements of Style American Heritage Book of English Usage Selecting Appropriate Transitions Edit & Revise Your Writing (Slide Show) Online Writing Resources For Writers	Twelve Common Errors In Grammar & Mechanics Grammar & Mechanics Rules of Punctuation Grammar & Mechanics Diagnostic Test Guide To Grammar And Style Fog Index Nuts & Bolts of College Writing OWL Handouts By Topic Writing Center Online
The Modes of Writing		
Descriptive Essay	Expository Essay	
Descriptive Writing Elements of a Descriptive Paragraph Writing A Descriptive Essay	What Is Expository Writing? Writing Expository Essays The Five Paragraph Essay Outline For Five Paragraph Expository Essay	

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	<p>What Is A Thesis Statement?</p> <p>The Truth About Introductions</p> <p>Strategies For Writing Introductions</p> <p>Strategies For Writing Conclusions</p>
Narrative Essay	Argumentative/Persuasive/Interpretive Essay
<p>Writing A Narrative Essay</p> <p>Conventions of the Narrative Essay</p> <p>Sample Famous Narrative Essays</p>	<p>Defining Argumentation</p> <p>Persuasive/Argumentative Writing</p> <p>Essays and Arguments Handbook</p> <p>Argumentative/Persuasive Essay</p> <p>Writing Argument and Persuasion</p> <p>Developing An Argument</p> <p>Building An Argument</p> <p>Writing About Literature</p> <p>Planning A Literary Analysis Paper</p>
Definition Essay	Classification Essay
<p>Characteristics of a Definition Essay</p> <p>How To Write a Definition Essay</p> <p>Developing a Definition Essay</p>	<p>Characteristics of the Classification Essay</p> <p>Classification and Analysis</p> <p>Tips For Writing An Effective Classification Essay</p>

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