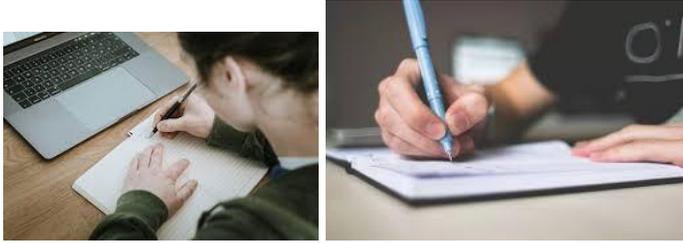


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As a student of English Literature writing clearly and persuasively about what you read will be the key to your success. Read these short definitions of **the essay**:

- *Essay is derived from the French word essayer, which means ‘to attempt’ or ‘to try’.*
- *A short form of literary composition based on a single subject matter, and often gives the personal opinion of the author.*
- *A famous English essayist, Aldous Huxley (novelist) defines essays as, “A literary device for saying almost everything about almost anything.”*
- *A short piece of writing on a particular subject. Oxford English Dictionary*
- *A scholarly work in writing that provides the author’s personal argument.*
- *A short piece of writing on a particular subject, especially one done by students as part of the work for a course.*
- *Essays are how we speak to one another in print — caroming thoughts not merely in order to convey a certain packet of information, but with a special edge or bounce of personal character in a kind of public letter. (Edward Hoagland, Introduction, The Best American Essays: 1999)*

Read some essays online by following the links below:

The ideas below are just suggestions to get you started. If while browsing these you spot another essay title that intrigues you, read it instead.

1. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: “Beware Of Feminist Lite” From We Should All Be Feminists

<https://ideas.ted.com/Beware-Of-Feminism-Lite>

2. Zavi Kang Engles: My Mother’s Tongue

<https://therumpus.net/2019/04/My-Mothers-Tongue/>

3. George Orwell: Politics of the English Language

https://www.orwell.ru/library/essays/politics/english/e_polit

4. Zadie Smith: Some Notes On Atunement

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2012/12/17/some-notes-on-attunement>

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