

# Essay Basics

- Your essay should be typed.
- Your essay needs to be double spaced.
- Your essay should be between two and five pages.
- Write a thesis statement that clearly and firmly states what your writing about.
- Provide enough background information so that the reader has a “context” for understanding your topic.
- There should be no spelling errors.
- You should have at least one person edit your essay before turning it in.
- A good habit is to write a rough draft before typing.
- Two hand written pages roughly translates to one typed page.
- Essay Rule:
  - 1) You tell the reader what you are going to tell them.
  - 2) Then you tell them
  - 3) The you tell them what you told them.
  - 4) Also know as: Introduction, body, and conclusion
- Introductions and conclusions are usually one paragraph for papers of this length

