

ESSAY WRITING GUIDELINES

1. Keep it short and to the point, one page maximum. Include name, date, and week number.
2. Although I'd prefer a well-written essay, with good choice of words and good sentence structure, the main thing I'm looking for is a coherent train of thought.
3. Your ideas don't have to be original, although if you do have an original idea, please include it.
4. When finished, your essay should be suitable as a reference for meaningful discussion.
5. Be able to discuss the ideas in your essay without notes.

ESSAY WRITING TIPS

1. Create an outline first, with your main ideas as topics.
2. Weave them together to build a logical flow.
3. Don't worry about precise wording; worry about overall structure.
4. This is about organizing the information in your head. Think organization!

SAMPLE ESSAY

The writer of Genesis chapter 1 had a "narrative based" worldview. This is different from a "scientific" worldview. The narrative based worldview believes in meaning and purpose. The scientific worldview believes in cold facts. There are benefits and drawbacks to both worldviews.

Benefits of the narrative worldview:

1. Meaning
2. Morality
3. Etc.

Drawbacks of the narrative worldview:

1. Dogmatic thinking
2. Superstition
3. Etc.

Benefits of the scientific worldview:

1. Upgrade in standard of living
2. Freedom from dogma and superstition
3. Etc.

Drawbacks of the scientific worldview:

1. Lack of meaning and purpose
2. Degradation of morals
3. Etc.

We should attempt to incorporate elements of both these worldviews into a belief structure that is coherent and non-self-contradictory. This means we might have to rethink some of our beliefs.