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The Fine Points Of Writing A Critical Essay

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Here are the modes that you might directly or indirectly be asked to write in might be assigned

ANALYTIC-A classic style used in art, science, history, psychology, education, and most other

ARGUMENTATIVE-Used in more advanced English classes, in philosophy, and in courses which include

COMPARATIVE/CONTRASTIVE-Used in most courses where specific analysis of like and unlike elements

DEFINITIONAL-Written when we apply a more thorough study to a topic, especially an abstract one

DESCRIPTIVE-Used to more intensively, more concretely cover an idea, item, or subject.

EVALUATIVE-Often confused with analytical, the evaluative essay moves beyond the what and how

EXPLANATORY-Also called the expository essay (though I tend to see all essays as expository, a

PERSONAL-Also called the response essay, the personal style essay is still well written (readable)

Now critical essays may fit better in or work better as one of the above modes, but all essays

So what do you discern in critical essays? A given topic or issue (which is a controversial topic)

An engaging opener- hook, lure, interest your reader. Use a story, a fact, an extended definition

A thesis- here you state, or assert, your position. This is the overall opinion that adds up a

Support- here you include statistics, narrative/non-fiction examples, statistics, authoritative

Good closure ~ whereas in some critical essays the closer is the thesis, in many assignments you

The components of the critical essay, then, as they are in most modes and college coursework,

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