

English Comp and Language 1001

Extended Definition / Description Essay Prompt

For Essay #1, you are to compose a three-page paper (69- line minimum framed by 1 inch margins) defining and describing something of interest to you or your group (see Blair, pp. 115-119, and 193). Once you have selected a topic and had it approved by me, it is time to start thinking about a thesis statement. Please prepare that thesis statement as I have directed in class using the following formula: **X is true** because of **a, b,** and **c**. Remember that **X** is the topic of your essay, **true** is the assertion made about that topic, and the remainder of the sentence contains the reasons or causes.

Example: The Doudna Fine Arts Center is being touted as the "Jewel of Illinois" university campus buildings because of its structure, building materials, performance areas, open spaces, learning environments, and overall design.

Your essay must contain at least five parts (or sections), but it may contain more. The introduction and conclusion must each be at least three sentences in length (probably more). The body paragraphs must each be at least eight to ten sentences in length. It is possible that each section of the paper might be more than one paragraph. Remember not to use "neon signs" such as "in conclusion" to signal the beginning of the concluding paragraph.

Your paper must also include a Works Cited page containing a minimum of two sources