

Guidelines for writing an essay

Your task is to write a 1 page academic text (2400 characters, references excluded) which addresses one of the articles. The ideal essay clearly presents the central topic presented in the article, makes an argument about it, which it substantiates within the given space.

Your essay will be assessed based on these criteria:

- Concise presentation of the argument of the article
- Academic contextualisation of the topic

For example: relate the topic of the article to an academic discussion, which you are familiar with from previous studies.

- Independent / creative contribution to the discussion of the topic

For example: Discuss the topic of the article in relation to a wider context (in relation to e.g. societal, political, cultural tendencies, challenges or problems).

- Academic writing / spelling etc. (Please use references when necessary)

In general, academic papers will argue, reason, discuss, problematise, criticise, nuance, make plausible, and investigate, while they **will not** agitate, preach/teach, postulate, believe, praise, mission, talk down, entertain, or freely associate.

This is not a checklist. You need not excel on all four points above to get a good score for your essay. Use them as guiding points for writing your essay.