

English 092 Unit 2.1

Readings and Exercises

Learning Goals:

To gain and demonstrate an understanding of

- different methods of essay development
- basic essay structure

Writing Assignment:

- Write a 600-word expository essay using classification, compare and contrast, or cause and effect method of development
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Getting Started

To gain an understanding of patterns or methods of developing essays, refer to the indicated chapters in *Essay Essentials with Readings*. (Pages are indicated for both 4th and 5th editions.) You won't be asked to write pieces using all the different patterns of development, but it's useful to note that there are a number of standard ways of organizing and presenting your content.

Readings

As you read each of the following chapters, pay particular attention to the writing tips presented at the beginning of each chapter. I've suggested readings for each chapter, but feel free to read other essays that catch your interest.

Chapter 5: Writing the Thesis Statement (61-62) (Ch 4. 48-49 5th Edition)

Chapter 6: (Ch 5. 60-63 5th Edition) Preparing the Outline—read “Ready, Willing...and Employable”.

Look carefully at the sample essay “Ready, Willing...and Employable”, and note how it develops from the outline. Prepare an outline for your essay similar to the one at the beginning of chapter 6. **(Ch 5: 5th Edition)**

Chapter 11: Description—read “Diamonds are Forever” and “The White Darkness”.

Chapter 12: Narration—read “The Train Ride”.

(Read Ch. 15 , 225-228 and “Beauty Tips from Moose Jaw” 283, 5th Edition)

Chapter 14: Classification and Division—read “Methods of Conflict Resolution” **(245, 5th Edition)**

Make sure you are clear on the distinction between classification and division. In a classification essay, you organize things according to types: types of parties, sports, cars, music, etc. In a division essay, you are looking for the essential characteristics that make up a certain type—for example, the characteristics of a great athlete, city, or restaurant.

Chapter 15: Compare and Contrast—read “Shopping Around” 205 **(Ch 18, 253, 5th Edition)**

Notice the two main ways of organizing material in a comparison and contrast essay: block method and point by point. Comparing and contrasting is something we do every day while speaking. Writing, however, requires a structure to ensure the different points are clearly contrasted.

Chapter 16: Cause and Effect—read “The Slender Trap”. 221 **(Ch. 19, 261, 5th Edition)**
