

## What Should My Essay Include?

Uh oh! The do's and don'ts of essay writing have been muddled up - can you separate them to find out what you should be aiming to do when you're writing?

Explain <u>how</u> and <u>why</u> your interpretations occur	Link points together coherently to show development - use connectives and linking sentences	Use exclamation marks when you want to be dramatic	Use full stops, commas, semi-colons and colons accurately
Describe the events in the novel - retell the story for your reader	Link unrelated points, evidence and explanations together	<b>Provide evidence and link it to the question consistently</b>	<del>Provide evidence</del> before moving on to the next point
Explain how an effect was achieved and why it works well, linking this to the author	Capitalise the title of your text(s)	Put titles and quotations in speech marks	Balance arguments to consider alternative viewpoints
<i>Address your reader directly using 'you'</i>	Conclude by summarising what you have done, including a return to evidence and the question	Draw conclusions throughout, not just at the end of your essay	Conclude by saying what you personally achieved in the essay
List your points throughout your essay	<b>Ask questions of your reader to check their understanding</b>	Evaluate your ideas when you provide more than one interpretation	Speculate as to what could have happened with characters and situations in the text(s)