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Expanding Paragraph

Explanatory Paragraph	<i>expands to</i>	Explanatory Essay
<p>An explanatory essay follows a specific structure composed of three parts: an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. First, the introduction paragraph begins the essay. A well written introduction hooks the reader with a lead, and explains the purpose of the essay with a thesis and a plan. Next, the introduction links to the body paragraphs of the essay. Each body paragraph focuses on one key idea and is comprised of linking sentences and elaborations. Finally, explanatory essays end with a conclusion paragraph that not only wraps up the essay, but leaves the reader with the importance of the topic with a "so what, now what" thought. Understanding the organization of an explanatory essay is critical in explaining a topic in a clear and focused manner.</p>		

Features of an Explanatory Essay

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