

Ten Steps for Drafting an Analytical Essay

- 1.** Reread your plan and add any extra ideas that surface.
- 2.** Head a clean sheet of paper with your name and date and copy the possible title from your plan.
- 3.** Use the thesis statement on your plan to develop an introduction.
- 4.** Create a separate paragraph for each piece of detailed support.
- 5.** Link the support to the thesis so the connections are clear.
- 6.** Use the notes on your plan to compose a concluding paragraph.
- 7.** Find a partner and edit each other's first drafts using your writing plan, the "Criteria for an Analytical Essay," and a peer-evaluation form ("Peer Evaluation: Analytical Essay").
- 8.** You and your partner discuss each other's suggestions.
- 9.** Revise and edit based on your peer-evaluation to write a second draft.
- 10.** Turn in your writing:

Place your brainstorming on the bottom; your writing plan and self-editing on top of the brainstorming; and your first draft, peer edits, and rewrites next. On the top, place your second draft. Staple or clip the papers together before giving them to your teacher.