



### What is an essay?

An essay is a structured piece of writing that presents and supports a thesis or proposition. When you write an essay, both in an exam and as an assignment, you are presenting a case and supporting that case with evidence and examples. Essays in exam situations are slightly different to essays as assignments, due to the time limit impacting how you structure and revise your writing. This program will demonstrate how to think clearly and organise your ideas even in test situations.

If you want more information about essays for assignments, see our [Better Essays](#) program, on the Study Skills website.

