
Essay 1 Cover Letter Requirements

Write a 1-2 page Cover Letter, addressed to me, in the same PDF file as Essay 2 Revision & Roadmap.

In your Cover Letter, which should be self-analytical and reflective, you should address the following criteria, in paragraph form, in any order that makes the best sense to you:

- a) How you chose your argument ideas & narrowed the focus or refocused that idea.
- b) What challenges you had coming up with or developing your argument—especially your Thesis Assertion.
- c) What the Motive is for your argument—what it matters and why readers should care about the argument and/or its stakes or consequences.
- d) What Stance you were trying to convey and what strategies you used to position yourself in relation to your readers and/or their assumptions or beliefs.
- e) How you supported your argument using cited evidence from course readings, Keyterms, personal experience or observation.
- f) What Whether or not, and how much, making a Roadmap, ACE PRELIMs, and writing workshops helped you develop & revise your argument.
- g) What conclusions do you leave readers with (solutions, implications, etc.)
- h) What have you learned about writing, research, argument, and your own writing process, and yourself as a writer in this essay?
- i) Lastly: What do you like about the course? What is helpful? How can I do more to help you develop as a writer?

Your letter does not need to follow the above order, but you should touch on the criteria in an order that best communicates *mature, serious, genuine & authentic* reflection about researching, writing, & revising this essay AND what you recognize as your overall development into a more critical reader, thinker, researcher, and writer in Expository Writing.