

Description of a class

Length: 1 to 1 1/2 pages (font 1.5, size 12)

Secret for success: tight writing, exact details, engagement on topic

Requirements:

- First sentence: name the class and block but use no verb. Example: *English 4, block 2.*
- Last sentence: repeat your first sentence and then add an amplifying sentence that states your thesis or the truth you discovered. Example: *English 4, block 2: a study in academic brilliance.*
- Include one sentence of one word, one of three words, one of four words.
- Include a piece of monologue or dialogue.
- Start one sentence with “and” and one with “but.”
- At the end of one sentence, use a dash to isolate a concluding phrase for emphasis or humorous effect. Example: *Two students entered the class late—forty minutes late to be exact.*
- Include two sentences with semicolons—one with a linking conjunctive adverb (*furthermore, however, otherwise*) or a transitional phrase (*as a matter of fact, in addition, for example*) and one without one.
- Include one rhetorical question.
- Include one metaphor or simile—be careful not to make the comparison a jarring one.
- Make sure that your title is engaging.