

essay**1.** ['eseɪ] *n*1. *lum.* очерк, этюд, эссеan essay on modern dramatics - эссе о современном драматическом искусстве
an essay on Russian literature - очерк русской литературы

2. попытка, проба; испытание

2. [e'seɪ] *v книжн.*

1. подвергать испытанию, испытывать, пробовать

to essay one's powers - испытать свои силы

2. пытаться

to essay a task - взять на себя трудную задачу

he essayed escape - он совершил попытку побега

essay

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

essay [essay essays essayed essaying] *noun, verb**noun* *BrE* ['eseɪ] ^m ; *NAmE* ['eseɪ] ^m**1.** ~ (on sth) a short piece of writing by a student as part of a course of study

• an essay on the causes of the First World War

2. ~ (on sth) a short piece of writing on a particular subject, written in order to be published

• The book contains a number of interesting essays on women in society.

3. ~ (in sth) (formal) an attempt to do sth

• His first essay in politics was a complete disaster.

Word Origin:late 15th cent. (as a verb in the sense 'test the quality of'): alteration of [↑]assay, by association with Old French *essayer*, based on late Latin *exagium* 'weighing', from the base of *exigere* 'ascertain, weigh'; the noun (late 16th cent.) is from Old French *essai* 'trial'.Thesaurus:**essay** *noun* **C**

• Write an essay on the causes of the First World War.

paper • **article** • **piece** • **thesis** • **dissertation** • **assignment** • |sometimes disapproving **tract** • |formal **treatise** • |technical **monograph** •a/an essay/paper/article/piece/thesis/dissertation/tract/treatise/monograph **on/about** stha **research** essay/paper/article/thesis/dissertation/assignment/monograph**write/read** a/an essay/paper/article/piece/thesis/dissertation/assignment/tract/treatise/monograph**submit** a/an essay/paper/article/piece/thesis/dissertation/assignmentExample Bank:

- A version of this essay was presented at the Astronomical Society.
- Essays handed in late will not be accepted.
- Have you done your essay yet?
- He concludes the essay by calling for a corrective.
- He made some very good points in his essay.
- I finished my essay about 10 o'clock last night!
- In 2001 she published a collection of essays.
- Lunch was the only time she could finish her essay assignment.
- The essays explore Einstein's personal development
- The fifteen essays collected in this volume.
- This essay provides a comprehensive overview of the subject.
- We have to write an essay on the environment
- You have to answer 3 out of 8 essay questions in the exam.
- an essay by Montaigne
- an essay entitled 'Memory'
- the teenage winner of an essay contest
- 'An Essay on the Principle of Population' by Thomas Malthus
- We have to write an essay on the causes of the First World War.

verb *BrE* [e'seɪ] ^m ; *NAmE* [e'seɪ] ^m ~ sth (literary)

to try to do sth

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	essay
	BrE /e 'seɪ/
	NAmE /e 'seɪ/
he / she / it	essays
	BrE /e 'seɪz/
	NAmE /e 'seɪz/
past simple, past participle	essayed
	BrE /e 'seɪd/
	NAmE /e 'seɪd/
-ing form	essaying
	BrE /e 'seɪɪŋ/
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I. **es**ˈsɛɪ¹ **S3** /'eseɪ/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: **essai**, from Late Latin **exagium** 'act of weighing']

1. a short piece of writing about a particular subject by a student as part of a course of study

essay on/about

an **essay on** Bernard Shaw

2. a short piece of writing giving someone's ideas about politics, society etc

essay on

Rousseau's 'Essay on the Origin of Languages'

3. **formal** an attempt to do something

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ **verbs**

- **write/do an essay** I've got a 3,000 word essay to write before Friday.
- **give in/hand in an essay** Half the class failed to hand in their essay on time.
- **mark an essay** **British English**, **grade an essay** **AmE**: I went home knowing that I still had a pile of essays to mark.
- **read an essay** Did you read her essay on 'The Waste Land'?

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + essay**

- **an English/history/politics etc essay** He got a good grade for his English essay.
- **a critical essay** (=one that judges how good a book, writer etc is) The anthology contains critical essays by Kael, Graham Greene and others.
- **an academic essay** Mature students often need practice writing academic essays.
- **a literary essay** In a literary essay, you should explore the meaning and construction of the text.

■ **essay + NOUN**

- **an essay question** We practised essay questions from previous exam papers.
- **an essay title** You will find a list of essay titles on the notice board.
- **an essay topic** Students will be given six essay topics, from which they must choose two.

■ **phrases**

- **a collection of essays** She published a collection of essays on philosophy.

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THESAURUS

- **essay** a piece of writing written by a student as part of a course of study: We had to write an essay about the environment. | Have you handed in your essay yet?
- **paper** an essay written by a someone who has studied a subject as part of their research. **Paper** is also used about an essay that you have to write for a class at school, especially in American English: The professor has published over forty scientific papers on diseases of tropical crops | At the beginning of the school year we had to write a paper about our interests.
- **dissertation** a long essay written as part of a university degree: In the third year of their course, students have to write a 10,000 word dissertation on a topic that has been approved by their tutor.
- **thesis** a very long essay that is part of an advanced university degree such as a master's degree or a doctorate: He wrote his doctoral thesis on the literature of the English romantic movement.

II. **es**ˈsɛɪ² /e'seɪ/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb** [transitive]

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