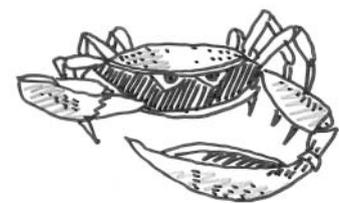


# ESSAY DIRECTION WORDS

IF YOU ARE ASKED TO:	YOU SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING:	EXAMPLES:
<b>Analyze</b>	Break down or separate a problem or situation into separate factors and/or relationships. Draw a conclusion, make a judgment, or make clear the relationship you see based on your breakdown.	Analyze the main story line in Chapter 2 and how it sets the stage for Chapter 3.
<b>Categorize</b>	Place items under headings already labeled by your teacher.	Categorize the items on the left under the proper headings on the right.
<b>Classify</b>	Place items in related groups; then name or title each group.	Listed below are 20 items. Classify them in 4 main groups; then name each group.
<b>Compare</b>	Tell how things are alike; use concrete examples.	Compare the American government system with that of the German government.
<b>Contrast</b>	Tell how things are different; use supporting concrete examples.	Contrast the writing styles of Shakespeare and Bacon.
<b>Criticize</b>	Make a judgment of the work of art or literature and support your opinion.	Criticize the use of cigarette advertising in magazines.
<b>Deduce</b>	Trace the course; derive a conclusion by reasoning.	Deduce the following logic problem to arrive at one of the conclusions listed below.
<b>Defend</b>	Give enough details to prove the statement.	Defend the statement "innocent until proven guilty."
<b>Define</b>	Give the meaning.	Define plankton.
<b>Describe</b>	Give an account in words; trace the outline or present a picture.	Describe Grand Coulee Dam.

<b>IF YOU ARE ASKED TO:</b>	<b>YOU SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING:</b>	<b>EXAMPLES:</b>
<b>Paraphrase</b>	Put in your own words.	Paraphrase the first paragraph of the Gettysburg Address.
<b>Predict</b>	Present solutions that could happen if certain variables were present.	Predict the ending of the short story written below.
<b>Prove</b>	Provide factual evidence to back up the truth of the statement.	Prove that the whaling industry has led to near-extinction of certain varieties of whales.
<b>Relate</b>	Show the relationship between concepts.	Relate man's survival instincts to those of animals.
<b>Review</b>	Examine the information critically. Analyze and comment on the important statements.	Review the effects of television advertisements on the public.
<b>State</b>	Establish by specifying. Write what you believe and back it with evidence.	State your beliefs in the democratic system of government.
<b>Summarize</b>	Condense the main points in the fewest words possible.	Summarize early man's methods of self-defense.
<b>Synthesize</b>	Combine parts or pieces of an idea, situation, or event.	Synthesize the events leading up to the Civil War.
<b>Trace</b>	Describe in steps the progression of something.	Trace the importance of the prairie schooner to the opening of the West.
<b>Verify</b>	Confirm or establish the truth of accuracy of point of view with supporting examples, evidence, and facts.	Verify the Declaration of Independence.



# ESSAY DIRECTION WORDS (continued)

<b>IF YOU ARE ASKED TO:</b>	<b>YOU SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING:</b>	<b>EXAMPLES:</b>
<b>Diagram</b>	Use pictures, graphs, charts, mind maps, and flowcharts to show relationships of details to main ideas.	Diagram the offices of the federal government.
<b>Discuss</b>	Consider the various points of view by presenting all sides of the issue.	Discuss the use of chemotherapy in the treatment of cancer.
<b>Distinguish</b>	Tell how this is different from others similar to it.	Distinguish the three types of mold we have studied in class.
<b>Enumerate</b>	List all possible items.	Enumerate the presidents of the United States since Lincoln.
<b>Evaluate</b>	Make a judgment based on the evidence and support it; give the good and bad points.	Evaluate the use of pesticides.
<b>Explain</b>	Make clear and plain; give the reason or cause.	Explain how a natural disaster can help mankind.
<b>Illustrate</b>	Give examples, pictures, charts, diagrams, or concrete examples to clarify your answer.	Illustrate the use of a drawbridge.
<b>Interpret</b>	Express your thinking by giving the meaning as you see it.	Interpret the line "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink."
<b>Justify</b>	Give some evidence by supporting your statement with facts.	Justify the decision to bomb Nagasaki, Japan.
<b>List</b>	Write in a numbered fashion.	List five reasons to support your statement.
<b>Outline</b>	Use a specific and shortened form to organize main ideas supporting details and examples.	Outline the leading cause of World War II.