

ENG4U1 What Characteristics Define an Essay?



From your own experience as a reader and an essay writer, brainstorm the characteristics that you think define an essay:

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Can an essay contain personal information, anecdotal evidence, and narration? Why or why not?

Discuss this in the space provided.

Read Alice Walker's "My Mother's Blue Bowl". Is this piece of writing an essay? Why or why not? Explain.

What writing techniques does Alice Walker use in this piece of writing in order to convey her message? What is her central message? Does she have a 'thesis'?

In your opinion, are Walker's writing techniques effective and engaging? Why or why not? Explain.
