

# MY DIRTY DOG: \_\_\_\_\_'s Informative Essay

*Narrow the topic.* First list the BIG topic, then list 3 shorter or smaller topics within that topic.

What is your BIG topic?

Example: Going to the K-9 Festival

1. What is one smaller topic within the BIG topic?

Example: How to give a dog a bath.

2. What is one smaller topic within the BIG topic?

Example: Different kinds of dog breeds. Or one specific dog breed.

3. What is one smaller topic within the BIG topic?

Example: How to give a birthday party. Or, how to cook a birthday cake.



# MY DIRTY DOG:

Choose a smaller topic for your essay. Write facts that you know. Research more facts until you have enough to write. For a how-to essay, this page is optional.

Facts

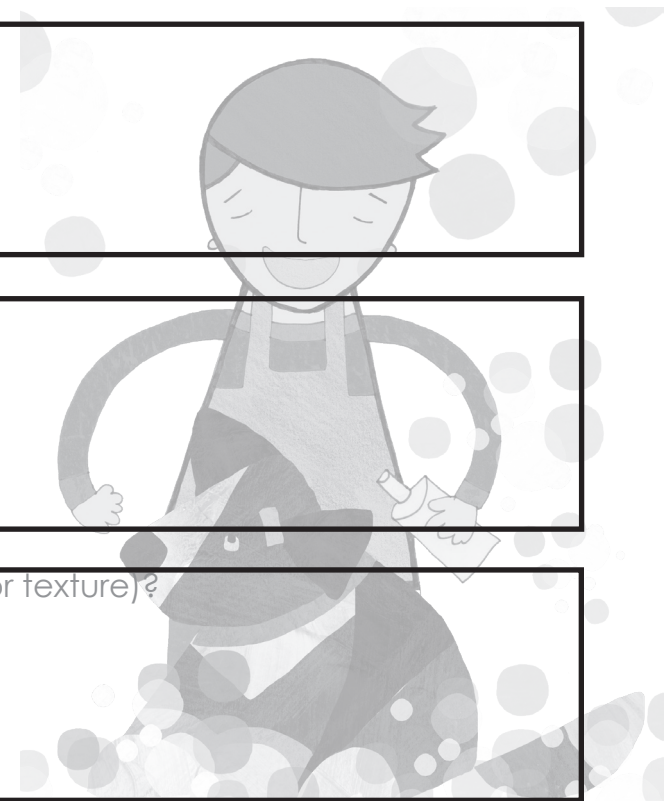
Dates

Numbers or  
Statistics

Proper  
Names

Sensory  
Details

What do you see, hear, smell, taste, touch (temperature or texture)?



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Divide your idea into logical sections. If you write a how-to informative essay, write the steps in order.

If you write an informative essay, decide on logical categories of information. For example, for a dog breed, talk about how it looks, how it behaves, the history of the dog, and your own dog. Organize your facts here.

## Category 1.

Include these things:

- facts
- dates
- numbers or statistics
- Proper names
- Sensory details

## Category 2.

Include these things:

- facts
- dates
- numbers or statistics
- Proper names
- Sensory details

## Category 3.

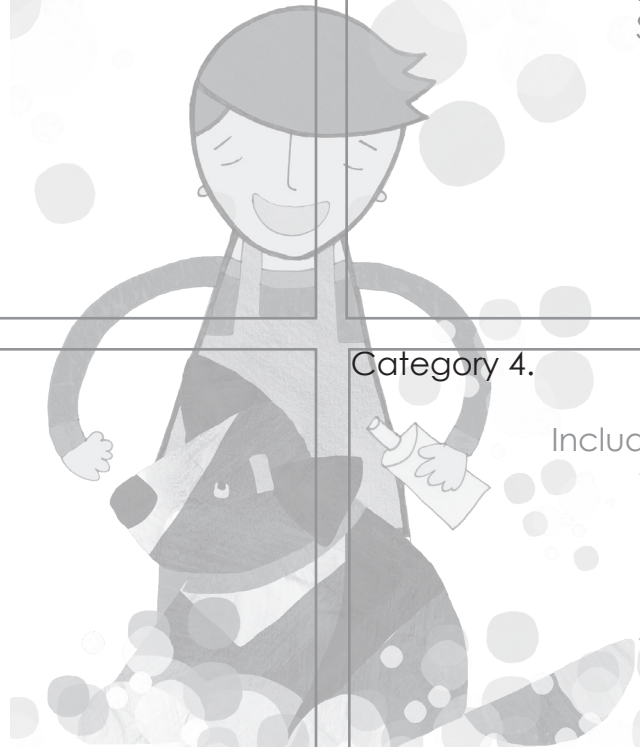
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- facts
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- Proper names
- Sensory details

## Category 4.

Include these things:

- facts
- dates
- numbers or statistics
- Proper names
- Sensory details



*Draw a diagram that explains your topic.*

Instructions: Draw a diagram that will help explain your topic.



Teachers or parents: A map may or may not work for your child's informative essay. This is an optional exercise.

# My Informative Essay

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Words to use: Because, and, also, therefore, since, for example, for instance, in order to, in addition, next, after, before.

• Introduction: Start with an interesting or startling fact.

• How to essay: What is the first step?

• Informative essay: Write a paragraph using the facts from your first category.

• How to essay: What is the next step?

• Informative essay: Write a paragraph using the facts from your second category.

• How to essay: What is the next step?

• Informative essay: Write a paragraph using the facts from your third category.

• How to essay: What is the next step?

• Informative essay: Write a paragraph using the facts from your fourth category.

• How to essay: What is the final step?

• Informative essay: Write a paragraph concluding the topic. Include another interesting or starting fact.

