

Writing Terms Defined

Analysis	the breaking down of a subject into its individual parts to better understand those parts and how they relate to the whole
Citation	crediting the source of the original text
Context	the set of circumstances or facts surrounding a situation, the who, what, when, etc.
Evidence	a direct quote or paraphrase from a text
Integration	blending or combining an essay's prose with quoted textual evidence
Literary Present Tense	when writing <i>about</i> literature, writers refer to the characters and their actions as if they did not happen but are happening
Synthesis	the combination of different ideas and information, sometimes from different sources, to create a new understanding/conclusion
Tag phrase	a method of integrating quoted textual evidence that identifies the speaker and sets the quote off with a verb and a comma
Thesis Statement	an assertion or claim proposed and supported with evidence and analysis
Topic Sentence	the first sentence of a body paragraph that establishes the focus of that paragraph and directly supports the essay's thesis

