

Defining a Concept: Assignment (Extended Definition of a Term)

Your paper should be 1 1/2 - 2 pages long.

1. Introduction: Define your term in one or two sentences.
2. Expand the definition of the term using one or more of the following strategies:
 - provide specific examples
 - use analogy
 - provide historical background
 - discuss causes/effects
 - classify types
 - compare or contrast with other terms
 - explain processes involved
 - discuss applications
 - talk about advantages and disadvantages
3. Make smooth transitions paragraph to paragraph. Topic sentences should be clear.
4. Do NOT include diagrams or equations: words only.
5. Do minimal research. Use the information you already have in your head or at your immediate disposal. If you must refer to sources for this paper, please submit a copy of your sources along with the paper.
6. Use specific examples and/or analogies to make the subject real to a non-expert. Think like a teacher -- how would I explain this to my brother or sister? How would I explain this to my aunt?