

On academic writing
PCP; Environmental Economic
Theory

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Paragraphing: two different ways

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An academic essay requires references.

The only way we can preserve and nurture other and more precious freedoms is by relinquishing the freedom to breed, and that very soon. “Freedom is the recognition of necessity”—and it is the role of education to reveal to all the necessity of abandoning the freedom to breed. Only so, can we put an end to this aspect of the tragedy of the commons.

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Reference to other literature

- Recently, OECD (2012) reported that PPP (Polluter Pays Principle) has been introduced to more than 120 countries, although the implementation is not so complete, particularly in developing countries. According to Ueta et al (2013), however, things are more complicated than they look.

Structure of an essay

- An essay usually consists of four parts:
 - (1) introduction,
 - (2) body (main part),
 - (3) conclusion,
 - (4) references.
- Basically, it is preferable to give subtitles to sections or subsections in an essay.
- In a short essay, however, they may be skipped.

An outline of an essay

- Before starting to write a text, it is strongly recommended to write down an outline of an essay in order to make a structure of an essay robust and sentences clear.

An example

Is global warming occurring?

1. Introduction
 - /Purpose of this essay.
 - /Why is the issue important?
2. Facts of global warming
 - /Definition of global warming
 - /Fact findings
 - /Causal relationships
 - /...
3. Policy issues: how to stop global warming
 - /Regulation and incentive based policies
 - /Carbon tax and tradable emission permit scheme
 - /...
4. Conclusion
 - /Summing up
 - /Future problems
 - /...
5. References

Body

Tree structure

