

Writing an Essay about Historical Holocaust Literature

Your essay should contain the following elements and content.

INTRODUCTION: State your central idea and thesis statement. Aim to place the work in a historical context. Identify the work (title), time of publication, how it was composed, and any biographical information available about the author. Also, state the pertinent historical facts concerning the events and ideas in the work.

BODY: Show how the introductory paragraph details apply to the entire work. Include one or both of the following:

- A. Discuss how the work embodies the facts, or how the facts shape the work.
- B. Discuss literary matters (style, structure, tone, point of view, imagery, symbolism, theme or motif).

CONCLUSION: Determine which elements you have discussed earlier in the essay that seem out of date and which ones are relevant and important. Does the evil or events described seem relevant today? How?