



Exposition—Problem and Solution—Assignment

Problem-and Solution Essay

Name _____

A problem-and-solution essay is a specific type of exposition and identifies a problem and presents one or more potential solutions. An effective problem-and-solution essay

- *Clearly states a specific, real-life problem*
- *Identifies the most important aspects of the problem*
- *Presents one or more possible solutions*
- *Supports each solution with specific details and logical reasons*

Problem-and-solution essays may address a wide variety of issues. Following are some of the specific types of issues they can address:

- *Consumer issues include problems with products or services and how they can be remedied*
- *Local issues may be problems facing your community or school*
- *Business issues involve problems facing a company or business, such as budget shortages or schedule delays*

Choose one of the following options (or a similar idea of your own) and write a solid 5-paragraph essay, complete with a full thesis and title.

1. Write an essay in which you explain a complex math or science problem and its solution.
2. Choose a problem that faces your school or neighborhood and write an editorial presenting a solution
3. Identify a problem that affects everyone in your school, church, or youth organization. Brainstorm to generate a reasonable solution. Then, draft a petition to possibly present to decision makers who can help you solve the problem.

