

Process Analysis Essay

- ▶ Answers the following questions:
 - How do I do it?
 - How is (or was) it done?
- ▶ Leads to two types of process analysis:
 - Directive
 - Informative

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- ▶ Directive Process Analysis:
 - Explains how to do something.
 - Gives the reader step-by-step directions to follow.
 - Because it is presented directly to the reader, it usually addresses the reader as "you".

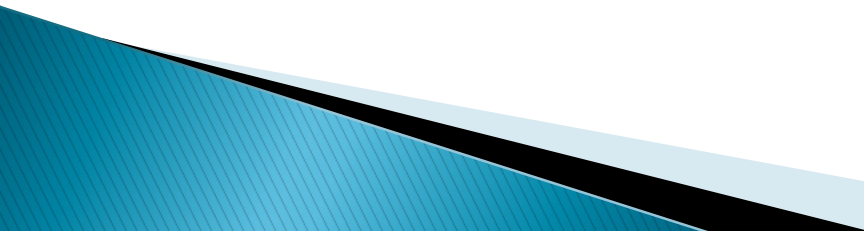
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- ▶ Directive Process Analysis:
 - Do not use the second person in your essay!
 - Use the implied you statement.
 - "First [you] purchase a pumpkin...then [you]..."
 - Your textbook is written in this format.

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- ▶ Informative Process Analysis:
 - Explains how something is (or was) done.
 - Done by providing data/support.
 - This type does not tell the reader what to do.
 - Therefore, you will seldom use the words you or your.

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- ▶ Stages of Preparation:
 1. Background
 - list materials, equipment, etc.
 - background or context
 2. Steps or Sequence
 - process is presented here
 3. Order
 - chronological
 - use of proper transitions
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- ▶ Transitions:

- First Second Third Soon Then Now
Finally At Last Therefore Consequently

Use the Directive form to complete the following outline:

- ▶ Steps for Writing an Essay.
 - Thesis: _____
 - Preparation:
 - Brainstorm the steps of the writing process
 - Decide on the proper sequence
 - Apply specifics/details to support your steps
 - Conclusion (?) How do you end your essay?

HINT: use the "T-Chart" we have discussed to help organize your ideas.