

Parts of an Assignment

Students benefit from written assignments. They avoid confusion or misinterpretations of oral directions. Information sheets for well-developed assignments include:

- ✚ Purpose
- ✚ Audience
- ✚ Writing task
- ✚ Stylistic/formatting information (e.g. preferred citations forms)
- ✚ Resources available to students (e.g. preparatory writing useful for this assignment, readings, library services)
- ✚ Grading criteria/value of this paper in relation to the course deadline

Finely drawn assignments establish parameters without constraining individuals' thinking or creativity. They also combat plagiarism.

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