



*SECTION 2*

# STYLE GUIDE

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HOW TO FIND YOUR WRITING STYLE FOR GAMSAT ESSAYS





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We recommend that every GAMSAT student attempts each of the styles listed in this guide. This will ensure that you find your writing style. Remember each of these styles can be used for both Task A and B. You should hand write all of these essays, under timed conditions. It is more time efficient and a better simulation of the day itself.

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# CREATIVE

Stories are the most essentially human tradition of all. They allow us to communicate even the most complex ideas in simple ways. There are different permutations within this style. You may wish to write an entirely creative piece, or a small story within a larger essay. IE: I think the different kinds of love are best demonstrated through one person's journey.  
*(Insert Story Here)*

# ARGUMENTATIVE

It is really hard to write a great argumentative essay. You need to simultaneously analyse counter arguments and build your own point of view in a considered and evidence based way. Try to come up with a unique point of view and write two paragraphs, one exploring the for arguments and another rebutting the counters. Then you synthesise the two and finish strong in your conclusion.

# EXPOSITORY

An expository essay, exposes many points of view, without supporting any one of them particularly. Again, quite difficult to achieve in 30 min. The importance here is a very discursive and pondering tone will imbue the right literary vibe to your essay. Consider many views and ways you could analyse the theme, in an exploratory journey without any purposeful reason for being.

# PERSONAL

Leverage a great story you have and relate it to the theme in a new and insightful way. Be careful not to focus on the details of the story. Steer towards a reflective analysis of what the time or events meant to you and how they communicate wisdom about the world more broadly. In our experience students that write about their own experiences in a more creative and descriptive tone, tend to do better.

# RISK TAKERS (POETRY / NEWS/ SONG)

If you really want to set yourself apart you can do something truly different. We have had past students write poems, songs, famous speeches and more. With risk can come reward or disappointment, so one must be careful to show relevance to the theme and a clear response within whichever structure they have chosen.

