How To Write An Analytical Essay: Formatting

hi everybody and welcome to the second to last article and how to write an analytical essay series this article is going to be all about formatting so by now you have well and truly finished your essay it's looking fantastic and this article is just going to run through some top tips for how to make sure that you set your essay out in a way that is polished it is appropriate and something that you can really be proud of now why do we bother talking about this essentially you want to make your essay as easy to read as possible because if it's hard to read it's then hard to mark and it's also important that whatever you produce in school that you're thinking about making it fit the purpose so just like if you were producing perhaps a movie trailer you would think about all the things that would make it appropriate to be a movie trailer and you consider lighting and color transitions or similarly in an essay you're not only thinking about language but you need to present it in a way that's appropriate for an essay. I'm going to run you through my eight top tips formatting and the first is the title please don't call your essay title I mean really important that you be a bit creative with this you want to show that you have engaged with the question and the overall text and not only should your question predict the content of your essay but it should also try and catch the reader's attention so avoid things like essay title or hungergames essay so an example down the bottom here is a power-hungry Panem in The Hunger Games this tells us really important things like the essay is going to be about The Hunger Games and it's also going to be about the overall theme of power okay tip number two make sure that there's a way to identify whose essay it is now double check with your teacher your school maybe what assignment it is because it's always going to be different as to how you do this but make sure there's something on there so that they can identify whose essay it is number three font now for some reason we get a few students who like to use very very tiny font which make work really hard to read so again make your markers job nice and easy by having a large font so at least size 11 and just use a standard font no capital letters if you capitalize your whole essay we're not able to see that you're using capital letters effectively okay tip number four spacing so the trick here is to have enough spacing that it's easy to read so you want one that's not too close together but also not too far apart as you can see here so just a nice spacing like 1.5 your teacher might request to but just make sure that it's not super super close together or super far apart okay tip number five again check with your teacher everyone prefers something different personally I like work that is left-aligned so everything that's neatly aligned along the left side it's much easier for your eye to tre track and it just it looks much nicer to be able to read okay number six italics for the title so whatever text that you're referring to in your essay whether it's the title of a film or a novel and maybe it's a play you should always put that in capital letters and it should be in italics and if for some reason you are handwriting your essay maybe it's for a supervised task just underline and it uses the same or it means the same thing as going to italics okay tip number seven page number and word count make sure that you put in page numbers on every single page that way if once for some reason gets lost we're aware that it's not finished at the end of page one also teachers do know when you've gone over the word count so by leaving it off you're certainly not doing yourself any favors because we will check anyway and you're not doing yourself any favors by lying either so please be honest because we will would know and you definitely get the knack of it after marking quite a few okay number eight saving your work is my last tip so really important that you name it something that your teacher is able to identify for you most teachers are working digitally now it's incredible when you download the files the names that you see as you can see here these are some that I have seen so far and the best one so far are those that have the student's name so first and last name underscore and perhaps the title of the essay underscores just tend to work better as a file format but basically just to have it [constitutional law research paper topics](#) in some kind of form that your teacher can identify you and what it is okay so that's the end of this article and feel free to go away now apply all those tips and present an essay that is beautiful and polished I will see you next time for the very last article which is about buzzwords thanks guys.