The Essay

The classification essay is a style of writing that places a subject into one of several categories. It can be used in many different fields of study to group ideas or information.

**EXERCISE 8.4**

Answer the following questions about the essay “College Teachers.”

1. What is the thesis?
2. What seems to be the writer’s purpose for writing about these kinds of teachers?
3. What is the principle of classification?
4. What is the controlling idea about the positive teachers?
5. What are the characteristics of the positive teachers?
6. What is the controlling idea about the neutral teachers? The negative teachers?
7. What are the characteristics of the neutral teachers? The negative teachers?
8. Do the examples the writer uses illustrate the categories seem appropriate?
9. Does the conclusion appear to be logical?
10. Write an outline of this essay.