Process Essay

What is a Process Essay?
A process essay tells the reader how to do something.

Questions to Ask Before Writing a Process Essay
- What is the process you are trying to describe?
- Who are your readers? What do they need to know in order to understand and perform the process?
- Are there multiple ways to do the process?
- Is there a best way to do the process? What makes it better than other ways?
- What skills or equipment are needed for the process?
- Do you need to know any special terms to understand and perform the process?
- How long does the process take?
- Are the results always the same? Why or why not?
- How many steps are in the process?
- Why is each step important?
- What difficulties are involved in each step? How can they be overcome?
- Do you need to take any precautions during the process? If so, what are they and why are they important?
- Are there other processes that are similar and could help the reader understand it?

An effective process essay will have
- An Introduction that
  - Tells the reader what the process is
  - Briefly summarizes the process
  - States a thesis that tells the reader what the process should accomplish and/or why it is important or enjoyable
- Body paragraphs that
  - Begin with Topic Sentences that relate to your thesis and/or the specific steps of the process
  - Clearly explain each step of the process, giving all the information necessary for someone who has never done the process before
- A Conclusion that
  - Restates the thesis, placing special emphasis on what the process should accomplish and/or why it is important or enjoyable
  - Summarizes the main steps of the process