

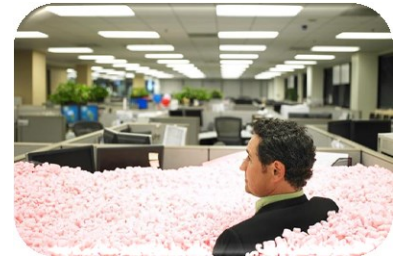
Springtime *Expository Writing*

- **Expository** = to explain or describe something.
- Need strong topic sentence or thesis.
- Use transition words between sentences and paragraphs: *next, because, then, first, however, for example, after, besides, begin, since, although, finally...*

April Fools

The origin of April Fools' Day is unclear. It is at least 450-years old but likely comes from earlier traditions. The day possibly evolved from ancient festivals in northern Europe. Since the day is April 1, it may have originated as a medieval renewal festival, celebrating the transition from winter into spring. Traditional activities include playing jokes before noon, wearing disguises, and permitting lies and deception of others.

The most likely theory stems from the French calendar change in 1564. In this year, France changed the start of the calendar from the end of March to January 1. Those who didn't switch to the new calendar system may have been considered the April Fool, and in France that meant mocking and playing pranks on these fools, like sticking a paper fish to their backs.



Whatever the historical beginning, the tradition made its way from northern Europe to North America with immigrants.

Essay #1 When is playing a joke acceptable, and when is it completely inappropriate? (16-20 sentences)

Essay #2 Without hurting anyone, alarming people, or getting the police involved, present your perfect April Fools joke. (8-12 sentences)



Every spring many countries set their clocks forward called **Daylight Savings Time**. This gives people an extra hour of daylight during the summer. Although disputed, some say the extra daylight hour reduces crime, allows shops to sell more goods, and reduces energy use. While some countries don't change time, saying it increases stress on the body, disrupts electronic clocks, and upsets farm and dairy operations.

Essay #3 Is Daylight Savings Time a good idea? (14-18 sentences)

Mother's Day - Perhaps the most famous mother in the world is Lisa Gherardini, also known as the *Mona Lisa*. She was an Italian middle-class mother of five kids.

Essay #4 Why is it important for us to honor, respect, and admire our mothers and fathers? (12-16 sentences)

