

Genre Writing Workshop



Let's talk about genre:

Think of a movie you like. What is the purpose? Who is the audience?

What is genre?

Genre is a way of classifying different forms of writing for different purposes.

Expository Writing

- ...is a text that aims to **describe, explain, or inform** the reader about any topic.
- What could be some examples?
 - News reports (not opinion pieces)
 - Scientific journal entries
 - OR even event calendars

Tip: Assume that the reader has little to no knowledge of your topic.

Literary Review

- It has a collection of different sources on a topic
- In relation to the research of a given field
- Synthesize rather than summarize the information from the *primary* (i.e., journal articles, reviews, and academic books) and *secondary* sources (i.e., *describes, interprets, or synthesizes primary sources*)

Example: Could a literary review be an example of expository writing?

Descriptive Writing

- Is a style of writing that involves a detailed description of a place or person, which is intended to create a vivid picture in the reader's mind & give them a better feel for the story.
- Descriptive writing is most often used in fiction, but there's no reason to stop there. In fact, you'll often find elements of descriptive writing in non-fiction genres too.

Examples:

- Scripts
 - Poetry
 - Fiction writing
 - Comics
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Narrative & Journal or Letter Writing

- **Narrative Writing** is a piece of text that tells a story.

This can be in the form of fiction or non-fiction and relates to both the story and the order in which it's being told.



- **Journal or Letter Writing** is usually written in the first person and can be quite personal, especially journal writing.

Example: Academic Email

Academic Email

- An academic email is an example of Letter Writing
- It contains:
 - A subject
 - Greeting
 - It is clear and brief
 - A closing

Example:

Professor Olivas,

I will be going out of town for the week of April 3rd, and I wanted to know if I could receive an extension on the discussion board that is due this week.

Thank you and have a nice day!

First name, Last name

Persuasive Writing

- To persuade the reader of something.
- This type of writing is usually less about facts and more about opinion.
- A good piece of persuasive writing is likely to appeal to what the reader believes about the world.

Example: Advertisements

Genre Writing Activity

Write a text message to 3 people:

Context: You are finished at the accident scene and need a ride. Write this in the genre of a txt msg explaining what you need, why, and from where to where.

- Significant other/family member, teacher, & a tow truck company.

Some things to consider:

- What content should be included for this genre? (What info/details are relevant in the text message?)
- What is the style of the language used in a text message to a friend?
- What format is it written in? How could I tell by looking at it that it is a text message?