

Text Type

Narrative Text

Narrative Characteristics:

- Tells a story
- Contains characters, a setting, theme, plot, conflict, resolution, and theme

Narrative Text Types Include:

- Biographies
- Plays
- Diaries
- Novels
- Short stories

Narrative Text Structures:

- Sequence
- Problem-Solution
- Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, Resolution

Expository Text

Expository Characteristics:

- To inform, to explain, to discuss
- Subject oriented: focuses on a specific topic
- Multiple text features
- Difficult to predict based on content
- Various text structures are signaled by different headings, subheadings, and signal words

Expository Text Types Include:

- Biographies and Autobiographies
- Essays
- Book reports
- Memoirs
- Speeches
- Newspaper and magazine articles
- Textbook information

Expository Text Structures:

- Description
- Classification
- Cause and Effect
- Problem / Solution
- Comparison / Contrast
- Main idea / Supporting Detail

Technical Text

Technical Characteristics:

- Short sentences, few multi-syllabic words
- Numbered or bulleted lists
- Italics, bold, underlining
- Headings and subheadings
- Balance of white space and text
- Avoidance of humor, vague terms, and figurative language

Technical Text Types Include:

- Brochures, pamphlets
- Business letters
- Directions and Instructions
- Menus, recipes

Technical Text Structures:

- Order of importance
- Sequential
- Cause / Effect
- Problem / Solution

Persuasive Text

Persuasive Characteristic:

- Takes a stand on an issue
- Written to convince the reader to adopt the writer's point of view
- Appeals to reason and emotion, and endorsement by influential figures
- Sometimes relies on propaganda

Persuasive Text Types Include:

- Advertisements, commercials
- Letters to **the** editor, editorials
- Essays
- Campaign literature
- Speeches
- Written debates

Persuasive Text Structures Includes:

- Introduction and background on the issue
- Position of the author
- Supporting arguments and evidence
- Concession of the opposing argument and rebuttal
- Call to action