

# Essay Writing

**Narrative:** The primary purpose of narrative writing is to describe an experience, event, or sequence of events in the form of a story. It has character, setting, and action. The characters, the setting, and the problem of the narrative are usually introduced in the beginning. The problem reaches its high point in the middle. The ending resolves the problem.

Examples: short story, novel, children's book

**Persuasive:** The primary purpose of persuasive writing is to give an opinion and try to influence the reader's way of thinking with supporting evidence. It is neither completely objective nor wholly emotional. Instead, it uses the controlled feelings of the writing to persuade an audience. Persuasive writing has several functions; to state and support a position, opinion or issue; to defend, refute or argue.

Examples: advertisement, editorial, political campaign, literature

**Expository:** The primary purpose of expository writing is to provide information. It can take a variety of forms. It may tell how to make or do something, report on an experience, or explore an idea. Expository writing conveys information to the reader in such a way as to bring about an understanding of the writer's ideas.

Examples: newspaper article, research paper, travel brochure

