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UNDERSTANDING TEXT STRUCTURES AND WRITING STYLES

- Written passages can be either one of four types of writing: expository, narrative, persuasive, and technical.
 - Expository writing describes a topic and explains its features
 - Narrative writing portrays a series of events
 - Persuasive writing challenges to convince the audience with a particular point of view
 - Technical writing portrays complex or difficult subject matter in a particular writing with accuracy



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- **Entertainment writing** is intended to be provide entertainment.
- **Expressive writing** assists to convey the author's feelings or providing the audience with a certain feeling.
- **Informational writing** is intended to give the audience information on a particular topic.
- **Persuasive writing** is intended to convince the audience to accept a perspective or take action.

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UNDERSTANDING TEXT STRUCTURE

In addition to understanding both writing styles and rhetorical intentions, the ATI TEAS reading passage will reflect on five types of text structures: (1) cause-effect, (2) comparison-contrast, (3) description, (4) problem-solution, and (5) sequence.

- **Cause-effect text structures** explain an outcome and result of a particular cause. How one topic may effect an outcome.
- **Comparison-contrast text structures** discusses the similarities and dissimilarities between two or more additional elements.
- **Description text structures** describes a topic or event in a general way.
- **Problem-solution text structures** establishes a problem and provides a solution to that problem.
- **Sequence text structures** conveys ideas in order and describes steps in a process.

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