

Three Types of Writing

Author's Purpose:

- When an author creates a piece of writing, he or she has a purpose for writing.
- Depending on the purpose, the author will choose a specific type of writing.
- That is why the type of writing is directly related to the author's purpose.

Narrative: To Entertain

In narrative writing you relate a series of connected events to tell "what happened." Narration is the form of writing storytellers use to tell stories. It can be used to write both fictional and true life events.

Examples:

- fairy tales/fables
- writing prompts
- diaries/journals
- fantasy
- plays or skits

Persuasive: To Persuade

In persuasive writing you try to convince writers to believe or do something.

Examples:

- editorials
- essays
- want ads
- business letters
- letters to editor
- book reviews
- movie reviews

Informational: To Inform

In expository writing, your writing is informative and explains and event, concept, or idea using facts and examples.

Examples:

- research papers
- reports
- how-to's
- news articles
- friendly letters
- newspaper ads

Look for context clues to help determine author's purpose!