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Types of Scholastic Writing

Here are six of the most common types of writing students encounter in the classroom and with which they may need assistance:

Expository:

Expository writing, commonly known as a “research paper,” is work based on research conducted by the writer who arranges their findings to introduce a subject to the reader. Step by step, the writer expands their subject to produce a clear and nuanced narrative. Often the most involved type of student project, expository writing requires students to research, organize, and properly cite information, avoid plagiarism, then use their logical skills to parse their findings into a cohesive, accurate, and informative story.

Descriptive:

Descriptive writing requires a student to describe something: an object, person, place, experience, emotion, situation, and so on. Descriptive writing challenges the writer to expand their working vocabulary in selecting words that will best recreate in the reader’s mind the writer’s impressions.

Persuasive:

Persuasive writing requires a student to bring together logic skills and a rich vocabulary to convince readers to believe in an idea or opinion. Similar in form to descriptive writing, persuasive essays require the writer to use their skillfully chosen words and phrases to have the greatest impact on the reader.



Technical:

Technical writing is the process of creating step-by-step descriptions of processes, such as “how-to” instructional manuals. For technical writing to be effective requires the writer to approach their work from a logical perspective, laying out information in the proper sequence of events and then use their creative and vocabulary skills to effectively describe each step.

Creative

Creative writing is writing that is typically identified by an emphasis on crafting a realistic narrative, rich characters, and the use of various literary devices such as metaphor, hyperbole, and irony within many types of storytelling forms. Creative writing includes short stories, poems, lyrics, novels, , screenplays, radio scripts, comics, graphic novels, and more. Not all creative writing needs to be wholly fictional, but it must always present a logical and cohesive picture that speaks to fact.