

Applications – Types of Writing

WS# 2.0

Any text one might imagine consists of the application of the following basic writing strategies.

Narration

Narrative writing is developed by relating a story or series of events. The purpose is to tell a story. The story may illustrate a point stated in the topic sentence, or it may simply entertain.

Description

Descriptive writing appeals chiefly to the senses. It shows a reader what something looks, tastes, smells, feels, or sounds like. It may include figurative language to help create a picture.

Exposition

Expository writing gives information or explains a topic. It may be developed with facts and statistics, through examples, or by means of cause and effect.

Persuasion

Persuasive writing attempts to convince an audience to agree with an opinion. Sometimes the writer also attempts to convince the reader to perform a specific action, such as contributing to a charity.