

Types of Writing (Expository, Narrative, Descriptive, Persuasive¹)

Expository essays: An expository essay is an informative piece of writing, where the writer explains a topic, using facts, statistics, and examples. An expository essay never uses personal comments, thoughts and ideas. It uses only facts.

Example: *The risks associated with drug experimentation depend on various factors, such as quantity, frequency of use, combination used, and the way a certain drug is taken².*

Narrative essays: A narrative type of essay refers to a written composition whose story is told from a defined point of view, that is to say narrative essays are usually written in the first person (I, me). The writer concentrates on his/her memories, life, thoughts.

Example: *I was always afraid of the water, but I decided that swimming was an important skill that I should learn. I also thought it would be a good exercise. What I didn't realize was that learning to swim would also make me a more confident person.*

Descriptive essays: A descriptive writing is a style of writing which focuses on describing a character, an event or a place in great details. The author visualizes what he sees, hears, tastes and feels.

Example: *There's something very calming about looking out over a tranquil lake, its surface as smooth as glass, reflecting the beautiful summer sky.*

Persuasive essays: Persuasive writing is a type of writing which contains justifications and reasons to make someone understand an issue from their perspective.

Example: *Now, with the technological revolutions and discoveries that made our past history, we seem to pay little attention to nature, getting more and more disconnected from it every day. However, the links we have with nature cannot disappear. There are a*

¹ SlideShare (January, 2011). Writing different types of essays. Retrieved 14.08.13, from <http://www.slideshare.net/helpwithassignment/writing-different-types-of-essays-narrative-descriptive-persuasive>

² AcademicHelp.net. Expository essay sample: Risks experimenting with drugs. Retrieved 13.08.13, from <http://academichelp.net/samples/essays/expository/drugs-effects.html>

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*number of key reasons in favor of the concept that people should try to connect with nature more than they do today.*³

³ AcademicHelp.net. Persuasive essay sample: Why people should connect more with the nature.
Retrieved 12.08.13, from <http://academichelp.net/samples/essays/persuasive/connect-with-nature.html>