

Persuasive

Persuasive writing is a powerful form of writing. Its purpose is to influence the reader to change the way he or she thinks or acts. The writer attempts to convince the reader, through argument or persuasion, to believe or do as the writer desires. In persuasive writing, the author states and supports an opinion, then tries to sway the reader into agreement and perhaps into action.

There are a variety of persuasive writing prompts that ask students to think about and review material before writing. They also ask students to write persuasive letters as well as letters to the editor. In addition, there are prompts in the form of editorials. Remind students that persuasive writing is meant to persuade others using a polite and respectful tone.



Narrative

Think of a person you have never met before but who has made a big impression on you. What has this person done to make an impact on your life? What have you learned from this person? How did you learn about this person? How did this experience change your life? Write about this experience in a narrative.



Expository

Explain how to divide fractions. Begin at the very beginning and explain the step-by-step process. Are there any things that you need to be aware of as you are working through dividing fractions? Be sure to discuss these issues or common mistakes. Be sure to show an example of dividing fractions as you explain the process.



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Select an editorial from a newspaper or magazine. Write a persuasive review of this editorial. What is the message of the editorial? Do you think the message is effectively expressed? Why or why not? How do you think this editorial could be improved? Do you agree or disagree with the author of the editorial?

