

Types of Writing

Writing is usually divided into four main types: narrative, informative, persuasive, and expository. These types sometimes go by other names as well, but the basic elements and ideas remain the same. Fiction writing usually falls into the narrative category, while nonfiction or academic writing can fit into all four. Let's go over these four types in greater detail.

Narrative writing:

- This type of writing is used to tell a story. It can be either fiction or nonfiction. It tends to focus on characterization and follows the standard plot structure: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.

Informative writing:

- Just as the title would suggest, this type is meant to provide information. It can be written in a variety of styles.

Persuasive writing:

- This is meant to convince someone of something. It uses persuasive techniques to argue and support a point or a cause.

Expository writing:

- Expository and informative are similar but a little different. Expository is used to explain something specifically. While informative may explain events that happened, expository writing explains why the events happened.

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