

There are many different types of essays you can write:

- narrative essays
- descriptive essays
- expository essays
- persuasive essays

**Persuasive writing** involves convincing others to a specific point of view. You can put your own thoughts and opinions into a persuasive writing piece, and then back it up with facts or figures. It's important to find relevant and supportive facts to support your point of view. Examples of persuasive writing include editorials, debates and propaganda materials.

**Expository essays** are factual based and focus mainly on providing factual data about the topic. This type of essay is very common in higher level school classes in the form of a research paper. You gather information about a topic and organize it in a logical manner. You present your reader with an idea statement or belief, and then back it up with facts and details that help you draw the appropriate conclusion based upon the facts learned. Personal thoughts, feelings and opinions are generally not a part of expository writing. Examples of expository writing include news articles, science reports, online encyclopedias, and manuals.