

Writing Essays → Types of Essays

Level: Elementary School

Four types of essays can help you get your point across. The type you write depends on your purpose and information.

- An **expository essay** explains or teaches about something. To write an expository essay you need facts.
- A **persuasive essay** uses logic and evidence to try to convince your reader that one opinion makes the most sense.
- A **comparative essay** uses facts and evidence to show similarities and differences between two things and makes a conclusion based on the information.
- A **narrative essay** tells a story with a plot and characters, a climax, and a resolution.

Show that you understand the purpose and the ingredients for each type of essay by answering the questions below.

1. Name something you could write an **expository essay** about:

2. A main ingredient in an **expository essay** is:

3. Some information you might include in an **expository essay** is:

4. Name something you could write a **persuasive essay** about:

5. Two main ingredients for a **persuasive essay** are:

6. Some information you might include in a **persuasive essay** is:

7. Name something you could write a **comparative essay** about:

8. Two main ingredients in a **comparative essay** are:

9. Some information you might include in a **comparative essay** is:

10. Name something you could write a **narrative essay** about:

11. Four main ingredients in a **narrative essay** are:

12. Some information you might include in a **narrative essay** is:
