

Writing Paragraphs: Types of Paragraphs

Level: Middle School

- **Narrative Paragraph** - - tells a story about an event, adventure, scene, or happening
- **Descriptive Paragraph** - - describes specific sensory details about a person, place, or thing
- **Expository Paragraph** - - gives information, explains directions, or shows how something happens
- **Persuasive Paragraph** - - tries to convince the reader of the author's point-of-view

Read the following topic sentences. Decide which type of paragraph the author is writing.

1. I got lost on my very first day as camp counselor.
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

2. The Civil War began in 1861.
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

3. My new candle smells like a freshly brewed stick of cinnamon.
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

4. **Students should never have to do their own laundry.**
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

5. **My camping trip in the Smoky Mountains was exciting.**
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

6. **The Florida Everglades' invasive Burmese python can be dealt with in several ways.**
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

7. **Tonight's sunset on the beach glistened in hues of red and orange.**
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

8. **The life cycle of a butterfly has several stages.**
 - a. narrative
 - b. descriptive
 - c. expository
 - d. persuasive

Writing Paragraphs: Types of Paragraphs Answer Sheet

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. d
5. a
6. c
7. b
8. c