

## GENRES & FORMS OF DISCOURSE

### BIOGRAPHICAL

Biographies  
Autobiographies  
Autoethnographies  
Case Study  
Memoirs [Self or Others]  
Oral histories [Self or Others]  
Self-Portraits (Visual)

### ARGUMENTATIVE

Apologies  
Rants  
Persuasive Essays  
Argumentative Essays  
Problem-Solution Argumentative Essays  
Narrative Arguments  
Arguments from Definition  
Arguments from Causality (Cause and Effect Argument; Causal Argument)  
Political Speech  
Religious Sermons  
Legal Oratory  
Editorials  
Advertisement (Textual)  
Advertisements (Visual)  
Brochures (Visual)

### REFERENTIAL

Summaries  
Explanations  
Research Paper  
Expository Essays  
Descriptive Essays  
Definitions  
Encyclopedias/Wiki Entries  
Book Reports  
Question and Answer Documents  
Troubleshooting Documents  
Learning Module  
Diagnosis

Textbook  
Seminar Proceedings  
Workbook  
Lab Reports  
Guidebooks  
Contracts/Constitutions/Laws  
Announcements  
Historical Accounts  
Annotated Bibliographies  
Conference Proceedings  
Proposals  
Grant Proposals  
Reports (Study)  
Business Letters  
Press Release  
Dictionaries/Glossaries  
Yearbooks  
Diagrams (Visual)  
Charts (Visual)  
Graphs (Visual)  
Maps (Visual)

### NARRATIVE

Personal Narratives  
Life Stories  
Literacy Autobiographies  
Autobiographies  
Diary/Journal Entries  
Memoirs  
Autoethnographies  
Phenomenology  
Narrative Arguments  
Exploratory Essay (How do you plan to write a longer paper?)  
Reflexive Essay (Allowing students to self-evaluate themselves and justify their position/grade)  
Blogs  
Prayers  
Manifestos  
Cover Letters  
Personal Letters  
Personal Blogs  
Portraits/Sketches (Visual)  
Painting/Sculpture of Self or Event (Visual)

### ANALYTICAL

Reader Response (Subjective)  
Critical Response (Objective)  
Content Analysis  
Discourse Analysis (Discursive Analysis; Linguistic Analysis)  
Rhetorical Analysis  
Literary Analysis  
Reading Response Critique  
Gender Critique  
Feminist Literary Critique  
Deconstructionist Critique  
Modernist Critique  
Post-Modernist Critique  
Structuralist Critique  
Post-Structuralist Critique  
Queer/Gay/Lesbian Critique  
New Critical Critique  
Post-Colonial Critique  
Marxist Critique  
Cultural Critique  
New Historic Critique  
Psycho-Analytical Critique  
Eco-Critique

#### PROCEDURAL

Checklist  
Process-Steps  
User Documentation  
How-To Documents  
Recipes

#### QUALITATIVE

Ethnographies  
Case Studies  
Phenomenology  
Content Analysis  
Discourse Analysis  
List of Interview Questions

#### QUANTITATIVE

Survey  
Questionnaire

#### JOURNALISTIC

Current-Event Reports

News Story/Article  
Press Releases  
Broadcast Script

### EVALUATIVE

Book Reviews  
Film Reviews  
Audio Reviews  
Product/Service Reviews  
Critiques  
Complaints  
Comparison and Contrast Essay

### CREATIVE

+Poetry (Short or Long)  
-Epic Poetry  
-Lyric Poetry  
-Dramatic Poetry  
+Creative Non-Fiction  
+Prose (Short Story, Novella, or Novel)  
+Drama  
-Comedy  
-Tragedy  
-History  
+Screenplay  
+Joke  
+Lyrics/Song  
+Painting (Visual)  
+Drawing (Visual)

### SUB-GENRES (CREATIVE)

-Biographic  
-Action/Adventure  
--Martial Arts  
--Military  
-Comedy  
--Black Comedy  
--Historical Comedy  
--Romantic Comedy  
-Crime Fiction  
-Documentary  
--Mockumentary  
-Drama (General)  
-Erotica

- Fantasy
- Folklore
- Horror
- Ghost Story
- Monster
- Slasher
- Mystery
- Science Fiction
- Romance
- Historical
- Thriller
- Crime Thriller
- Disaster Thriller
- Psychological Thriller
- Techno Thriller
- Western
- Children's
- Family
- Animated
- Puppet
- Computer-Generated
- Stop Motion