5 Types of Writing Pieces

There are five main types of writing: expository, persuasive, argumentative, narrative, and descriptive/creative.

* Expository – Writing in which author’s purpose is to inform or explain the subject to the reader.
* Persuasive – Writing that states the opinion of the writer and attempts to influence the reader to agree with you. (persuade)
* Argumentative- Writing that gets the reader to recognize that your side of an argument is valid with the use of evidence. Includes counterarguments and rebuttals. (argue)
* Narrative – Writing in which the author tells a story. The story could be fact or fiction.
* Descriptive/creative – A type of expository writing that uses the five senses to paint a picture for the reader. This writing incorporates imagery and specific details.

Identify which type of writing is being described.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A story about the time you got lost at Disneyland
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A web page telling how to create a web page
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Harry Potter books
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A letter to the governor stating why the tax increase is a bad idea
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Writing in which you record details of a trip taken
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ An essay discussing a theme from Romeo and Juliet
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ An article attempting to convince readers to boycott a store chain
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A poem about the sights and sounds of rainfall
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A letter to the principal that attempts to prove that using electronics in the classroom will have a positive effect.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A paper about the horrible treatment of the people in Darfur
11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The cover story in the morning newspaper
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A brochure advertising a luxury hotel and resort.
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A paper discussing the after effects of a war
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ An essay written to prove that cigarette smoking should be totally banned.