

Writing Purposes/Genres

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Genre</u>
<i>To amuse or entertain</i>	stories poems jokes, riddles, puzzles scripts for drama, puzzle plays personal anecdotes
<i>To describe</i>	reports labels and captions character portraits advertisements
<i>To command or direct</i>	recipes instructions stage directions rules
<i>To gather information</i>	interviews surveys, questionnaires
<i>To make comparisons</i>	charts note-making diagrams, graphs descriptions
<i>To explore and maintain relationships with others</i>	letters requests greeting cards questionnaires personal letters
<i>To record feelings, observations, etc.</i>	science reports poems jottings diaries, journals
<i>To clarify thinking</i>	jottings explanations note-making
<i>To predict or hypothesize</i>	speculations about probable outcomes in health, science, social studies topics endings for stories questions for research or interviews
<i>To inform or advise</i>	posters advertisements scripts for new broadcasts minutes of meetings invitations – formal/informal programs
<i>To persuade</i>	advertisements, commercials letters to the editor notes for a debate cartoons