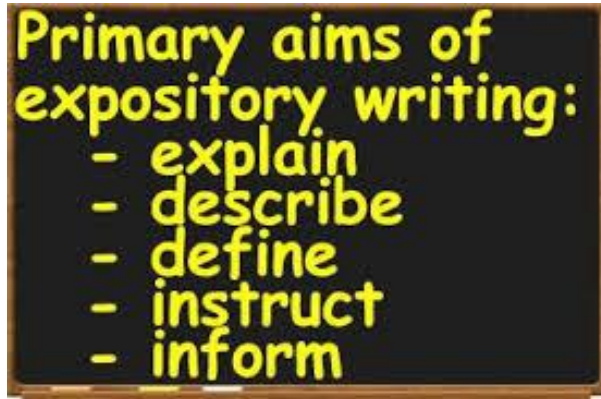




0. Expository Writing - Story Preface

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Expository writing is a type of **writing** that is used to explain, describe, give information, or inform. The text is organized around one topic and developed according to a pattern or combination of patterns. Expository essays are written by students to demonstrate their understanding of a particular subject.

There are different types of expository essays:

- **The how-to or process essay (such as How to Build a Bird House)**
- **The descriptive essay (such as My Favorite Summer Vacation)**
- **The cause and effect essay (such as What were the Causes of the Civil War)**

The How-To essay is a step-by step guide on the steps taken to do something. It must be detailed enough so the reader has all the information needed to complete the task.

The Descriptive essay describes something is loaded with details. The writer must paint a picture using words so the reader can create a picture in his mind. You can use creative vocabulary with metaphors and similes to create the most vivid picture possible.

The Cause and Effect essay gives an explanation of how certain actions caused a reaction or effect. It explains why something turned out the way it is, or how one thing lead to another thing.

An Expository essay does exactly what its names implies: it exposes. It is all about facts—without giving a personal opinion or taking a side. It is structured like other types of essays, with an introductory paragraph that contains a thesis statement, and a main body of paragraphs the prove the thesis statement. It also has a conclusive paragraph.

Footnotes:

- 1) Study.com, Characteristics of Expository Writing, Study.com, Mar/24/2016, Mar/24/2016,
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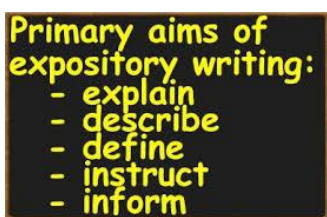
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