

3 Modes of the Analytical Writing Assessment

Millard South High School

Expository

Expository writing is to inform, explain, clarify, define or instruct. It provides facts.

Examples of expository writing include:

- letters
- newspaper articles
- research papers
- newsletters
- pamphlets



Persuasive

Persuasive writing represents an opinion or presents an argument in an attempt to convince the reader that his/her point of view is valid. It often tries to persuade the reader to take a specific action.

Examples of this style of writing include:

- editorials
- advertisements
- opinion writing
- advice columns



Narrative

Narrative writing tells a story about an experience, event, or sequence of events while holding the reader's interest.

Narrative writing is usually written in 1st or 3rd person, and includes the use of characters, setting, and plot. It may also include dialogue and events organized in chronological sequence.

Examples of narrative writing include:

- poetry
- short stories
- novels
- personal accounts
- tall tales

Only students graduating in 2010 and 2011 will be responsible for demonstrating their proficiency in all 3 modes.

The **Narrative** mode will not be included beyond this point.

