

WRITING TEXTS

Texts can be spoken, written, or visual – listened to, read, or viewed. Although people most commonly think of *written text* as texts, a text is any communication – spoken, written, or visual – involving language. In an increasingly visual and online world, students need to be able to interpret and create nonlinear texts that combine words, images, and sounds.

Authors select particular text types depending upon their topic, audience, and purpose. Texts are published in a variety of digital and print sources, e.g., podcasts, Websites, blogs/microblogs, movies/videos, exhibits, live performances, newspapers, journals, magazines, anthologies, billboards, and fliers.

Common Core State Standards categorizes student writing by purpose: persuade, explain, and convey experiences. For each writing purpose, there are types of text that are more relevant to a specific discipline. The following lists of text types are not inclusive.

Writing	Text Types	Examples
Opinion/Argumentative Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisements • Articles • Artwork • Cartoons • Critical analyses • Critiques • Editorials • Emails • Essays • Graphic novels • Letters • Music compositions • Photographs • Plays • Poems • Posters • Posts • Report abstracts • Reviews • Speeches • Texts • White papers 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles • Artwork • Autobiographies • Biographies • Cartoons • Charts • Critical analyses • Emails • Essays • Forms • Graphic novels • Graphs 	

<p>Informative/Explanatory Texts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal entries • Lab reports • Letters • Literature review • Maps • Memoirs • Memos • Music compositions • Petroglyphs • Photographs • Poems • Posters • Posts • Recipes • Reference materials • Report abstracts • Research proposals • Speeches • Symbols • Textbooks • Texts • White papers 	
<p>Narrative Texts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allegories • Artwork • Autobiographies • Biographies • Cartoons • Graphic novels • Fables • Flash fiction, short stories, and novels (adventure fiction, fantasy fiction, historical fiction, horror fiction, mystery fiction, realistic fiction, romance fiction, science fiction) • Folk tales • Legends • Memoirs • Music compositions • Myths • Parodies • Personal narratives • Petroglyphs • Photographs • Pictographs • Plays (one-act and multi-act plays) • Poems • Satires • Scripts 	