

Nonfiction: Understanding Informational Texts

Types of Nonfiction

1. *Essay*: _____

Essays examine and discuss _____; they often include the writer's

Types of Essays

Narrative essay: _____

Descriptive essay: _____

Expository essay: _____

Persuasive essay: _____

Reflective essay: _____

2. *Articles* _____

Articles provide information about a _____, _____, or _____.

3. *Speeches* _____

Speeches are written to be _____.

Purposes of Nonfiction

To _____ to _____ to _____

To _____ to _____ to _____

Characteristics of a Good Essay

Good essays....

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Authors contribute more than information to nonfiction. Their writing has “voice.”

Author’s Voice Techniques

1. *Style:* _____

It’s the _____ way a writer _____.

Style is based on these factors:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

2. *Tone:* _____

You can “_____” the author’s tone with his/her _____.

The tone of the text can often be described with a single word, such as _____

3. *Perspective:* _____

Bias: a _____ which ignores _____ and uses _____ to sway the reader or listener.