Text types vary and can often be combined with other text types. The context and the audience will determine the purposes of the writing.

Writing opportunities

To explain how or why – explain processes or explain why something is the way it is

- How a character/ animal does something
- Why a character/animal is a certain way
- How events happen real/fictional
- Why events happen real/fictional
- Manual for an item
- Manual for a character/job
- Science experiment
- Encyclopaedia entry

To recount – retelling of events to inform and/or entertain

- Newspaper report
- Witness statements from different point of view
- Part of the story/event from other point of view
- Comic strip
- Script for a TV/radio report
- Police report on an incident
- Diary from a different perspective/point of view
- Biography of character real/fictional
- Autobiography as character
- Letter to another character detailing events

To report – provide detailed information about the way things are or were

- School report for a character
- Newspaper report
- Magazine article
- Encyclopaedia entry
- Wikipedia entry
- Newsletter from organisation
- Non-chronological report about character real/fictional
- Voice overs to provide information (e.g. David Attenborough style)
- Court report for case against a character/characters
- Information leaflets/fact files
- Character report
- Top trump cards
- Trip advisor report of place in story/real
- Police report of event

To present a balanced and reasoned overview of an issue/topic – two or more different views

- Write up of debate
- For and against text for real/fictional event
- Crime report from event with both sides
- Court report providing details for both parties
- Information leaflet of an event/issue real/fictional
- Conversation/play script of two characters arguing their different views
- Newspaper report of an issue real/fictional

To instruct or detail a procedure – guide the reader on how to make or do something, or how to take care of something

- How to look after a character
- How to catch a character
- How to defeat a character
- Rules for story event/experience
- How to use an item from story/experience
- How to grow something from story/experience
- How to survive an event in a story/experience
- Instructions to make an item from the story/experience
- Map and instructions of how to get to a place in story/experience
- Recipe for item in a story/experience
- You tube style – How to …

To argue a case from a particular point of view and to encourage the reader/listener

- Script for TV advert
- Promotional leaflet
- Poster advertisement
- Job advert for a character real/fictional
- Letter to apply for a job in the story or real life
- Motivational speech for character real/fictional
- Battle cry – to persuade participation in an event real/fictional
- Estate agents advert for a setting/place real/fictional
- Letter/email to organisation for change (formal)
- Letter/email to another character real/fictional to change their opinion/actions (informal)
- Court report with bias for one character
- Charity leaflet to donate money real/fictional

Poetry from texts

- Rap about a character
- Performance poetry
- Calligrams/shape poems
- Rap about subject knowledge (e.g. grammar, maths, science terminologies)
- Kennings about characters or event
- Modern nursery rhymes
- Monologues based on characters from the text
- Haiku/cinquain/tanka (syllable poetry) about key concepts of book or other curriculum area
- Limerick about characters
- Narrative poems from main story ideas

Using poems for writing opportunities

- Write story from the poem
- Create diary of character in a poem
- Comprehension skills from songs
- Fact file/no-chronological report of main theme of poem
- Transfer events in poem into a newspaper report
- Change popular culture song into more detailed story
- Play script from poem

To tell a story – fictional narrative

- Create own traditional tale
- Modern fairytale
- Create own fable/myth/legend
- Write alternative ending
- Write a missing chapter
- Retelling from another point of view
- Write story for picture book
- Create comic strip of story
- Fantasy story
- Mystery story
- Flashback story
- Play script from story
- Word summaries - mini sagas
- Character sketch/description
- Setting description

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