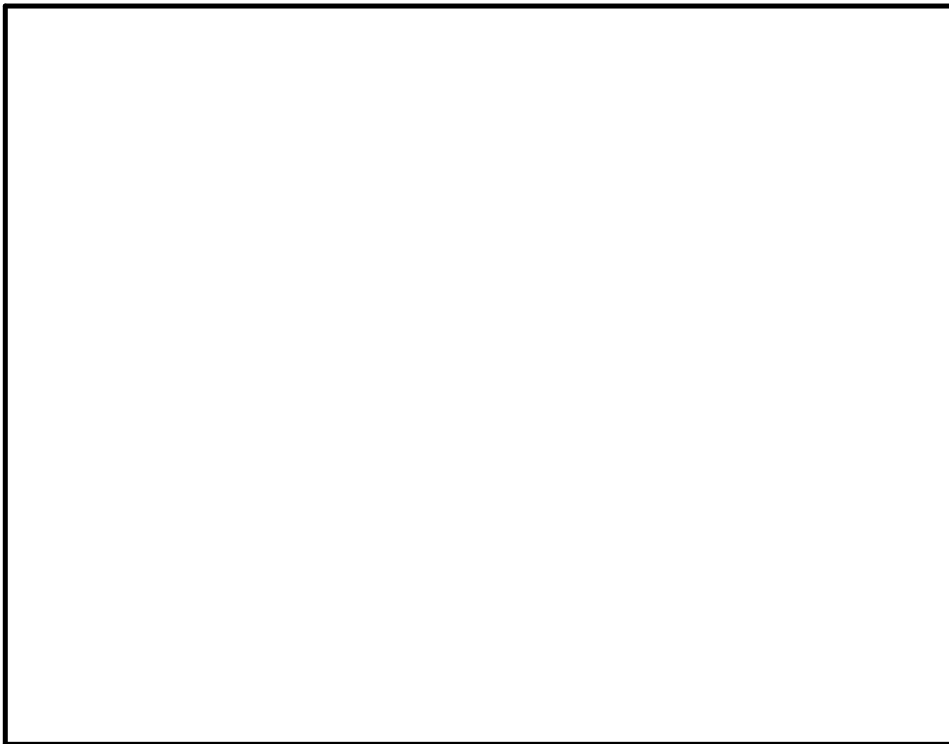


MULTIGENRE WRITING

We have now read two Multi-Genre papers.
Make a list of defining features of a Multi-Genre
paper.

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MULTIGENRE WRITING

- What is Genre?

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- What is Genre?
 - Genre - A genre is a type of writing

Make a list of different genres

More Genre Examples

- Short Stories, novels, poems, journals, cartoons, interviews, memory, newsletter, letter, character sketch, advice column, encyclopedia entry, obituary, recipe, advertisement, lyrics, memo, photos, posters, comics

Multigenre Writing

The best way I can describe a multigenre paper is to say that each piece in the paper utilizes a different genre, reveals one facet of the topic, and makes its own point. Conventional devices do not connect the pieces in a multigenre paper, nor are the pieces always in chronological order. The paper is instead a collage of writing and artistic expression with an overarching theme that engulfs and informs the reader.

Multigenre Writing

A multigenre paper arises from research, experience, and imagination. It is not an uninterrupted, expository monologue nor a seamless narrative nor a collection of poems. A multigenre paper is composed of many genres and subgenres, each piece self-contained, making a point of its own, yet connected by theme or topic and sometimes by language, images and content. In addition to many genres, a multigenre paper may also contain many voices, not just the author's. The trick is to make such a paper hang together.

Multi-Genre Quote

“I can write a good, safe analytical paper any day. Multigenre is a bit more dangerous. For me, it requires investing myself more. As a result, multigenre is much more rewarding.”

-Emily Bradshaw, Brigham Young University

Multigenre Writing

Expository vs. Narrative

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What is Expository Writing?

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Exposition is a type of oral or written discourse that is used to explain, describe, give information or inform. The creator of an expository text can not assume that the reader or listener has prior knowledge or prior understanding of the topic that is being discussed.

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Example of Expository Writing:

-Textbooks, editorials, news stories, academic paper, five paragraph essays, articles

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Expository writing is all around us, but it isn't the only way to think...Another way is *narrative*: stories, poetry, drama, even painting and movement

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Narrative vs. Expository

-Instead of explaining or analyzing “narrative knowing” renders experience or phenomenon.

Narrative knowing shows. We read a novel and leave the world. We read a poem and feel a sharp, emotional surge. We see a painting and meld into it. We dream of falling and jolt ourselves awake.

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“As I have shaped, extended, and communicated my world through non-expository genres, I have beckoned students to do the same. And I’ve felt occasional twinges of guilt for this. Shouldn’t I be devoting more time to teaching exposition so students get ready to write essay tests, reports, and term papers? The guilt, in fact, is still with me as I encounter so many teachers who shamelessly tout the five paragraph essay, a form they feel students must master in order to pass the state writing proficiency tests. It doesn’t matter that this form does not exist outside the narrow culture of test taking and the classrooms that endorse it.” Tom Romano

Multigenre Writing

This is a chance to pursue a passion in your intellectual/emotional/spiritual life, a chance to strive to answer a question involving a topic of consuming interest to you and to communicate your learning through a multigenre project, where you get at the factual, the emotional, and the imaginative. This is a time to try the untried and to be expansive.

Choose a person, idea, topic, trend, era, cultural phenomenon, movement, thing, place . . . and become the quintessential mad researcher, the wiggled out, completely immersed learner on the trail of information vital to achieving peace of mind and satisfying your insatiable curiosity.

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Brainstorm!!!

