

Rhetorical Modes of Writing

Practice 1

Instructions. This practice is based on [this course](#). You will read the introduction to an article or essay. Based on the introduction to each passage alone, identify the rhetorical mode of writing the writer is using.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

Passage 1. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

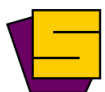
I had waited my whole career to interview Edward Ecks. It was a hot summer day when I first met him in his West Virginia log cabin. It was a sunny day in the middle of August. I felt sticky and uncomfortable as I made my way to his cabin. Despite the heat, I was determined to make the best of the time I had with him. This particular interview would turn out to be the most exciting of my career. . . .

Rhetorical mode of writing:

Passage 2. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

Solar energy is a topic that has garnered significant attention in recent years. It has become increasingly clear that we need to transition to sustainable and renewable forms of energy, solar energy, in particular, has emerged as a promising solution. It has the potential to revolutionize the way we power our homes, businesses, and communities. Solar energy is the way to move forward because of its benefits, including cost-effectiveness, reliability, and environmental friendliness. Given the scientific data on solar energy, it is difficult to deny its time has come.

Rhetorical mode of writing:



Passage 3. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

Viruses are microscopic organisms that can cause a wide range of diseases and infections. They are incredibly diverse, with different types of viruses affecting different parts of the body and causing different symptoms. Understanding the different types of viruses is essential for developing effective treatments and vaccines, as well as for preventing the spread of viral diseases. The most common types of viruses include DNA viruses, RNA viruses, retroviruses, and enveloped viruses. An analysis of their structure, how they replicate, and the diseases they cause provide an understanding of the complex and diverse world of viruses and the impact they have on human health.

Rhetorical mode of writing:

Passage 4. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

As I sit back and think about my experience as an intern for a US Senator Ecks, I am filled with a mix of emotions. Excitement, pride, and gratitude are just a few of the feelings that come to mind. At the same time, I was able to experience the type of politics in Washington that we think exists only in movies where the good guys have to constantly fight the bad guys. Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to work alongside some of the most talented and dedicated individuals in the political world, and I have learned valuable lessons that I will carry with me throughout my life. I also witnessed a great deal of dysfunction. Nonetheless, having worked directly with Senator Ecks gives me hope for the future of this nation.

Rhetorical mode of writing:



Passage 5. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

From fostering a love of learning to developing skills in communication, analysis, and adaptability, a liberal arts education provides a well-rounded foundation that is necessary for success in today's rapidly changing world. Nonetheless, the value of a liberal arts education has been debated for decades, with some arguing that it is a frivolous pursuit that offers little practical value in today's job market. However, a liberal arts education has become more important now than ever before. Colleges and universities should expand liberal-arts programs not only for students' personal growth but also to prepare students for a competitive job market in a variety of careers.

Rhetorical mode of writing:

Passage 6. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

The American political system is characterized by its two-party system, in which the Republican and Democratic parties dominate the political landscape. While third-party candidates do occasionally run for office, the vast majority of elections are decided between these two major parties. Understanding the American two-party system is essential for anyone who wants to participate in the American political system. To fully appreciate current trends in American politics, it is necessary to understand (a) the origins of the two-party system in the United States and (b) how it has evolved over time.

Rhetorical mode of writing:



Passage 7. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

Right after the sun rose over the hills of Rio de Janeiro, my photographer and I found ourselves winding our way up the narrow streets leading to the heart of a favela. Vibrant colors and the sounds of music and laughter filled the air, creating a palpable sense of energy and excitement. As I looked out over the sprawling city below, I couldn't help feeling a sense of wonder at the beauty and complexity of the favelas. Halfway up the mountainside, we met Rosario Silva, who agreed to talk to us. She greeted us warmly and welcomed us into her home. She immediately offered coffee. "It just made it," she said, as she held the pot over the empty coffee cups decorated with small flowers. We had learned that refusing could offend the host, so we said, "We would love some!". . . .

Rhetorical mode of writing:

Passage 8. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

Homelessness in the United States is a complex issue that affects millions of individuals and families across the country. While homelessness is often thought of as a singular problem, the reality is that there are many different causes of homelessness, each with its unique set of challenges and solutions. To understand homelessness, you must explore the various causes ranging from economic factors to personal issues and mental illness. Homelessness in the United States has several causes that are interconnected and must be addressed through a multifaceted approach that considers the unique needs of each individual experiencing homelessness.

Rhetorical mode of writing:



Passage 9. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

A majestic mountain range, the Andes stretches over 7,000 kilometers from Venezuela to Chile along the western coast of South America. Its snow-capped peaks, winding valleys, and crystal-clear lakes capture the hearts and imaginations of travelers and adventurers alike. It's hard not to feel small in the presence of these towering giants, as they stand as a testament to the power and beauty of nature. The Andes boasts many wonders from its rich biodiversity to the fascinating cultures and traditions of the people who have lived there for generations.

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Passage 10. Does the writer use the narrative, the expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive, or reflective mode of writing?

Are you looking for an unforgettable adventure away from the usual tourist attractions? Look no further than the Atacama Desert, one of the most breathtaking and awe-inspiring places on Earth. This vast, arid landscape spans over 1,000 kilometers along the western coast of South America. It offers a wealth of natural wonders and cultural treasures waiting to be discovered. From the towering volcanoes and shimmering salt flats to the ancient ruins and vibrant local communities, the Atacama Desert is a destination that promises to ignite your sense of wonder and leave you with memories that will last a lifetime.

Rhetorical mode of writing:



Answer Key

Passage 1. Narrative

Passage 2. Persuasive

Passage 3. Expository

Passage 4. Reflective

Passage 5. Persuasive

Passage 6. Expository

Passage 7. Narrative

Passage 8. Expository

Passage 9. Descriptive

Passage 10. Persuasive

