

Appendix E: Patterns of Writing

Descriptive Writing

Framework	Examples	Keywords
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begins with a general statement that identifies the topic• Ideas are described in such a way that the reader can envision the topic.• Language appeals to the five senses and helps to paint the picture.	observations examples connections comments questions predictions	sensory words

Informational Writing

Framework	Examples	Keywords
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begins with a general statement that identifies the topic• Each paragraph describes one of the subtopics.• Ideas are presented factually.• Language is neutral and impersonal.	reports essays	technical terms

Persuasive Writing

Framework	Examples	Keywords
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begins by stating the topic and position• Ideas or opinions are then supported with evidence or a convincing argument.• Often includes statistics, reasoning, and use of emotional or strong language• May include possible counter arguments and the rationale for their ineffectiveness• Concludes by reiterating the initial argument and position	letters to the editor proposals judgments or arguments advertisements résumés	<i>must</i> <i>essential</i>

Procedural/Sequential Writing

Framework	Examples	Keywords
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins with a goal or purpose • Is sequential or linear in nature, explaining the steps or process involved • Each step or part of the process is easily identified and clearly explains the event or task. 	timelines directions/instructions lab reports	<i>first</i> <i>next</i> <i>following</i> <i>finally</i>

Comparative Writing

Framework	Examples	Keywords
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins by identifying the items to be compared and possibly the criteria for comparison • Describes the qualities or characteristics of the individual items, and explains their similarities and differences 	consumer reports metaphors analogies	<i>unlike</i> <i>just as</i> <i>more</i> <i>most</i> words ending in <i>-er</i>

Personal Writing

Framework	Examples	Keywords
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins with the date and topic • Proceeds to describe the topic, event, or idea from a personal point of view • May include likes and dislikes, opinions, suggestions. • Opinions should be supported with a rational and evidence. • May include visual forms of representation such as sketches, charts etc. 	diaries journals self-assessments logs reflections on learning opinion pieces	<i>I think...</i> <i>I believe...</i> <i>I learned...</i> <i>I wonder...</i> <i>This reminds me of..</i>