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**TEXT TYPES**

**Introduction**: In general, texts seek to inform or entertain. There are four basic categories of texts: narrative, descriptive, expository and argumentative.

1. **Narrative**: It is the telling of a series of events. Its purpose is to entertain, inform or change attitudes or social opinions.

**Basic Structure of a Narrative**

* Setting: When/where the story occurs.
* Characters: the people in the story.
* Initiating event: an action or occurrence that establishes a problem or a goal.
* Conflicts/ Goal: the focal point around which the story is built.
* Resolutions.
1. **Expository**: It aims at explanation, i.e, the cognitive analysis and subsequent syntheses of complex facts. For example, what is rhetoric and is it used in literary texts?
2. **Argumentative**: An argumentative text is the one that uses evidence and facts to support the claims it is making. Its purpose is to persuade the audience with the argument being made. For example, smoking damages the health.
3. **Descriptive**: A descriptive text focuses on describing a single location, object, event, purpose or place. It endeavors to to engage all five of the reader’s senses to evoke the sights, sounds, smells and feel the text’s subject. Its objective is to describe something so vividly and express emotions so clearly. It has the purpose to inform the reader on a particular topic, event or experience.

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