

# Some Forms for Academic Writing

---

journals and diaries  
    (real or imaginary)  
biographical sketches  
anecdotes and stories:  
    from experience  
    as told by others  
thumbnail sketches:  
    of famous people  
    of places  
    of content ideas  
    of historical events  
guess who/what  
descriptions  
  
letters:  
    personal reactions  
    observations  
  
public/informational  
    persuasive:  
        to the editor  
        to public  
officials  
    to imaginary people  
    from imaginary  
places  
requests  
applications  
memos

resumes and summaries  
poems  
plays  
stories  
books and booklets  
dialogues and conversations  
children's books  
telegrams  
editorials  
commentaries  
responses and rebuttals  
fact books or fact sheets  
school newspaper stories  
stories or essays for local  
papers  
songs and ballads  
  
ads  
allegories  
announcements  
brochures  
campaign speeches  
commercials  
obituaries  
encyclopedia entries  
contracts

reviews:  
    books (including  
        texts)  
    films  
    outside reading  
    television  
programming  
    documentaries  
historical "you are there"  
scenes  
  
science notes:  
    observations  
    science notebook  
    reading reports  
    lab reports  
  
math:  
    story problems  
    solutions to  
    problems  
    record books  
    notes and  
    observations  
responses to literature  
interviews:  
    actual  
    imaginary

directions:  
    how to  
    school or  
    neighborhood guide  
survival manual  
dictionaries and lexicons  
    technical reports  
written debates  
    school issues  
    family problems  
    state or national  
    issues  
    moral questions  
  
informational monographs  
radio scripts  
TV scenarios and scripts  
dramatic scripts  
cartoons and cartoon scripts  
slide show scripts  
puzzles and word searches  
photos and captions  
  
magazine articles  
debates  
questionnaires  
position papers