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

- 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