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Composition Compass: Your 4th Grade Guide to Essay Styles

Learners sharpen their ability to distinguish between purpose-driven writing styles through real-world analysis, perfect for formative assessment or independent stations.

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1. Imagine you are writing a piece titled 'The Hidden Life of Honeybees' to teach your class about how bees communicate. Which essay type are you using?

A. Narrative
B. Expository
C. Persuasive
D. Descriptive

2. A writer trying to convince the school principal to allow a 'no-uniform' day is writing a persuasive essay.

A. True
B. False

3. If you write an essay about the time you and your grandfather went fishing and you describe the sequence of events from morning to night, you are writing a _____ essay.

A. Descriptive
B. Argumentative
C. Narrative
D. Expository

4. Which of these sentences would most likely belong in a descriptive essay about an old, abandoned house?

A. The house was built in 1924 by a local architect.
B. We should tear down the house to build a park.
C. Peeling grey paint flaked off the walls like dry skin.
D. First, I walked inside, and then I saw a ghost.

5. An expository essay's main goal is to use metaphors and adjectives to make the reader feel an emotion.

A. True
B. False

6. When a student writes a paper titled 'Why Every Student Needs a Tablet' and provides three reasons supported by evidence, they are creating a(n) _____ essay.

A. Narrative
B. Expository
C. Persuasive

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D. Descriptive

7. How does a narrative essay differ from an expository essay?

A. Narratives use facts, while expository essays use stories.
B. Narratives tell a story, while expository essays explain info.
C. Only narrative essays use paragraphs.
D. There is no difference between the two.

8. Writing a step-by-step guide on how to bake a chocolate cake is an example of an expository text.

A. True
B. False

9. A(n) _____ essay would be the best choice if you wanted to capture the exact sound, smell, and feel of a rainforest.

A. Descriptive
B. Narrative
C. Expository
D. Argumentative

10. If you are writing about a time you helped a friend and what you learned from it, your essay will likely include:

A. A list of statistics about friendship.
B. Characters, a setting, and a plot.
C. An argument against helping others.
D. Only scientific definitions of empathy.