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Ink Trails and Argument Echoes: A 9th Grade Writing Quiz

High schoolers identify structural blueprints and rhetorical goals for narrative, expository, and persuasive drafts using real-world academic scenarios.

1. A writer is drafting a piece about the history of the Silk Road, focusing strictly on chronological dates, trade routes, and economic impacts without offering an opinion. Which essay type are they producing?

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

2. A persuasive essay's primary goal is to tell a story about a time the author changed their mind.

- A. True
- B. False

3. An essay that uses sensory language to recreate the 'crunch' of autumn leaves and the 'charcoal scent' of a bonfire is known as a _____ essay.

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

4. Which of these essay types would most likely include a section addressing a 'counter-argument' to strengthen the writer's own claim?

- A. Argumentative
- B. Narrative
- C. Descriptive
- D. Informational

5. In a narrative essay, the author typically organizes the content using a plot structure that includes a climax and resolution.

- A. True
- B. False

6. If you are writing a manual explaining exactly how to assemble a complex piece of furniture, you are writing in the _____ style.

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

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7. Which essay type is best suited for an assignment asking you to recount your personal growth during a community service project?

- A. Argumentative
- B. Expository
- C. Narrative
- D. Technical

8. A newspaper editorial trying to convince readers to vote for a specific local policy is an example of a _____ essay.

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

9. Expository essays are usually written using 'I' and 'me' to express the author's personal feelings about a topic.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of the following would be the most likely thesis for a Descriptive essay?

- A. The abandoned lighthouse felt like a lonely giant guarding the jagged cliffs.
- B. The state should increase funding for public transportation immediately.
- C. Photosynthesis is the process by which plants convert light into energy.
- D. I remember the day I finally learned how to ride a bike.