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Which Mode Matters? A Senior Guide to Essay Types

Differentiate between nuanced rhetorical modes like satire and academic critique, moving beyond basic structures into the intentionality of senior-level writing.

1. A literary critic writing for a journal analyzes the hidden symbolism in Ralph Ellison's 'Invisible Man.' Which essay type are they primarily employing?

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

2. A persuasive essay's primary goal is to provide a neutral, unbiased overview of a controversial topic.

- A. True
- B. False

3. When a writer uses vivid imagery to capture the decaying atmosphere of a Gothic cathedral, they are utilizing the _____ mode.

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

4. In a college application personal statement, a student recounts a specific moment of realization during a volunteer trip. This structure is best classified as:

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

5. An essay that systematically evaluates the pros and cons of implementing Universal Basic Income using empirical data is an primary example of _____ writing.

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

6. Expository essays are frequently used in scientific journals to communicate the results of a study without trying to influence the reader's emotions.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Jonathan Swift's 'A Modest Proposal' uses irony to suggest an outrageous solution to poverty. While satirical, its underlying structure mimics which essay type to mock it?

- A. Persuasive/Argumentative
- B. Narrative
- C. Descriptive
- D. Autobiographical

8. The primary difference between an argumentative essay and a persuasive essay is that the argumentative essay must include a _____.

- A. Call to action
- B. Personal anecdote
- C. Counterargument
- D. Metaphor

9. A narrative essay must always be written in the first person ('I') because it is based on personal experience.

- A. True
- B. False

10. If a writer is asked to compare the architectural styles of Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier, which essay purpose are they fulfilling?

- A. To tell a story
- B. To persuade with emotion
- C. To explain and categorize info
- D. To describe a single object