

Nonfiction

Type or Form	Traits	Author's Purpose
1. Autobiography or Biography	Written about a person's life or one main event Has a plot Can be read in one sitting or have many chapters	to inform
2. Encyclopedia	Information organized by topic Topics organized alphabetically The entries are short Used for research	to inform
3. Essay	Can be based on research or personal experience Can be read in one sitting Written in paragraph form, usually five or more	to inform to persuade to entertain
4. Feature Story	Focuses on one topic or main idea Has a plot	to inform to entertain
5. Interview	Recorded word for word Can be read in one sitting May be written in bullet format or like a drama	to inform to entertain
6. Newspaper Articles	Short Can be read in one sitting Focuses on one topic or main idea	to inform to persuade
7. Textbook	Information organized by topic Used for reference Organized chronologically (by time) or by topic	to inform