

Real-World Writing Purposes: Inform & Explain

Ideas and activities retrieved from Kelly Gallagher's books
Teaching Adolescent Writers and *Write Like This*

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3. Evaluate and Judge
4. Inquire and Explore
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6. Take a Stand/Propose a Solution

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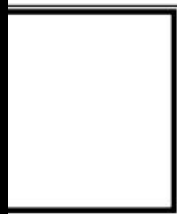
1 Topic - 18 Topics

Shows the importance of purpose/audience.

Works with any topic.

Enables students to see various angles from which a writer may approach a topic.

topic:



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Purpose	Possible Writing Topics
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Inform and Explain

- My Favorite Words
- I Was a Witness
- Black Sheep
- How Does _____ Work?
- My _____ History
- Job Hunting
- How to Survive _____
- Unwritten Rules
- What is the Perfect _____?

Writing Practice - What is the Perfect _____?

What is the perfect day? -or- What is the perfect vacation?

CCSS ELA - Writing Standard 2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

Establish and maintain a formal style.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

Writing Resources

[Common Core State Standards - ELA](#)

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/lis/writing/secondary/content.html>

<http://www.oneword.com/>

<http://writingprompts.tumblr.com/>