

Informative Writing

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Informative Writing
Explains and **defines**
Informs and **clarifies**
Plus **instructs** at times.

And this writing genre
Has several styles
So I'll list a few
That I've just compiled.

Newsletters and articles
Plus essays too
Research papers and instructions
Are examples for you.

And Informative Writing
Is the need to report
On the choice of topic
You want to support.

I'll focus on one
Just for today
So let me explain
The **Informative Essay**.

This form of writing
Is such a great feat
Since it consists of **five paragraphs**
When it's complete.

First comes the **intro**
That's paragraph one
Next is the **body**
And last the **conclusion**.

So **choose a topic**
You'd like to pursue
One that's exciting
And interesting to you.

Now you are ready
To write the **lead**
So hook your readers
Before you proceed.

Begin with a **quote**
Description or **fact**
If you choose one of these
You're on the right track.

Then tell your readers
How you feel
So **record three facts**
You think are ideal.

Now finish the **intro**
As you write your essay
By **rephrasing the thesis**
A different way.

Next is the **body**
So take each **fact**
And turn each one into
Its own paragraph.

Plus for every fact
That you restate
Support it with details
To **elaborate**.

To finish each paragraph
Make sure you check
That each ending sentence
Transitions to the next.

And for each paragraph
I would expect
Linking words and **phrases**
To help them connect.

Last the **conclusion**
So it depends on you
To sum it all up
In your essay debut.

Restate your thesis
Then the facts
But use different words
To be exact.

Let's end your essay
And make it appealing
With a **strong closing sentence**
And an **emotional feeling**.

So was it easy
Or was it fun?
Well... try not to worry
Because your essay is done!