

Rhetorical Modes of Discourse

Narration
Description
Process Analysis
Example
Definition
Classification
Comparison / Contrast
Cause / Effect
Argument / Persuasion

Common Themes

Education (reading, writing, and speaking)
Identity
Family
Gender
Race and Culture
Work and Class
Nature and the Environment
History and Politics
Ethics

Common Author's Purposes

Personal
Expository
Argumentative