



## Modes of Writing

(Addresses modes assessed and characteristics of effective writing)

<p>Informational</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shares knowledge and conveys messages, instructions or ideas by making connections between the familiar and the unfamiliar</li> </ul>	<p>Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves as a common writing strategy in academic, personal, and job-related areas</li> <li>Spans a range of thinking skills from recall to analysis and evaluation</li> </ul>
<p>Persuasive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moves the reader to take action or to formulate an opinion</li> <li>Defends a position, opinion, or issue</li> </ul>	<p>Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires writers to think critically and to take a position on an issue of importance in school, the workplace, or the community</li> </ul>

## Sample Learning Pathway

### Develop Successful Writing Skills Through Eight Assignments

#### CHOOSE AND COMPLETE FOUR INFORMATIONAL ESSAYS

*Prompt:*

Any Mail for Me?

City or Country

Did You Hear?

Do You Trust?

Fifteen Minutes of Fame

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Life without a Computer

Life without a Cell Phone

Risks and Benefits of Children Watching TV

Compare and Contrast

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Five Paragraph Essay

Five Paragraph Essay

Essay

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Five Paragraph Essay

Compare and Contrast

#### CHOOSE AND COMPLETE FOUR PERSUASIVE ESSAYS

*Prompt:*

By Ground or by Air

Book Censorship

Fast Food vs. Sit Down Restaurants

Growing Pains

Let Me Sleep

No Smoking

Solving Bullying

Soccer Injuries

Too Much Homework

Compare and Contrast

Five Paragraph Essay

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Compare and Contrast

Five Paragraph Essay

**6-Step Writing Process:**

1. Confirmation of Assignment
2. Write a Thesis
3. Researching
4. Outlining
5. Rough Draft
6. Editing and Proofreading

**6-Traits of Writing Assessment**

1. Ideas
2. Organization
3. Voice
4. Word Choice
5. Sentence fluency
6. Conventions

**Selected Writing Pathways:**

Grade and Ability Specific  
Test Preparation  
Special Interest  
Summer Program  
Teacher Customized

**Using the Writing Tutor**

Part of a daily/weekly writing lab  
Differentiation  
Remediation  
Test preparation  
Integrated into the classroom  
Tutoring  
After-school programming

Upon Completion, Students will be able to:

- Write a basic paragraph including an opening sentence, supporting details, and a closing sentence
- Understand and use the basic tenets of grammar usage and mechanics