

# FOUR MAIN TYPES OF WRITING

TYPES OF  
WRITING TO  
HELP IDENTIFY  
THE PURPOSE  
OF THE  
WRITING

Most pieces of  
writing  
contain more  
than one type  
at a time

## 1 Expository

- informs
- define/discuss a topic
- compare/contrast
- draw a conclusion

## 2 Narrative

- sequential order
- transition words
- less complex

## 3 Descriptive

- 5 senses
- create detailed images
- vivid vocabulary

## 4 Argumentative

- presents both sides
- appeals to logic
- uses evidence