



Write in a Variety of Formats To Learn More about Genres and Develop Greater Communication Competence

Note: Examples in this chart include kinds of writing that may be included in PARCC or other assessments.

The following examples are a sample of the kinds of writing that students should be able to produce by the time students complete elementary school.

Adventure story	Autobiography	Biography
Book review	Brochure	Character Sketch
Description	Diary (of a character or actual person)	Encyclopedia entry
Essay	Explanation (combined with diagrams or illustrations)	Fable
Fantasy story	Fiction (realistic)	Folktale
History	Historical Fiction	How-to-do-it article
Humorous story	Legend	Letter
Magazine article	Myth	Narratives with different narrators (first person, second person, third person omniscient)
Pamphlet	Persuasive letter	Play (a scene or addition of dialogue/dramatization of a story or history)
Report	Review	Short Story
Science article	Science report	Science fiction
Sequel	Speech	Traveler guide

Plus:

List more sub-genres that students may write based on mentor texts they analyze to identify best practices of writing in that format.