

Appendix 1: Real-World Writing Purposes

| Purpose | Explanation |
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| Express and Reflect | <p>The writer . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . expresses or reflects on his or her own life and experiences. . . . often looks backward in order to look forward. |
| Inform and Explain | <p>The writer . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . states a main point and purpose. . . . tries to present the information in a surprising way. |
| Evaluate and Judge | <p>The writer . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . focuses on the worth of person, object, idea, or other phenomenon. . . . usually specifies the criteria to the object being seen as “good” or “bad.” |
| Inquire and Explore | <p>The writer . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . wrestles with a question or problem. . . . hooks with the problem and lets the reader watch them wrestle with it. |
| Analyze and Interpret | <p>The writer . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . seeks to analyze and interpret phenomena that are difficult to understand or explain. |
| Take a Stand/ Propose a Solution | <p>The writer . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . . seeks to persuade audiences to accept a particular position on a controversial issue. . . . describes the problem, proposes a solution, and provides justification. |
| <i>Adapted from Bean, Chappell, and Gillam (2003).</i> | |

One topic:

Skateboarding =

| Purpose | Possible Writing Topics |
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| Express and Reflect Feelings/ Lessons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What I learned from falling - Learning new tricks (memoirs) - What I've learned from pros |
| Inform and Explain Tell something about topic a reader might not know | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - History of skating - Explain the rules of the game "Skate" - Explain how to do certain tricks |
| Evaluate and Judge "worth" good/bad | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best trick, not so good tricks - Who are the best pros? - Is it a good thing to spend time on? |
| Inquire and Explore Wrestle with a question | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are skate boards made? - What do pros do to get good? - How can I make a living doing it? |
| Analyze and Interpret "Why" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why do a lot of kids skate? - Why are pro boards expensive? - Why do shoes rip easily with the grip tape? |
| Take a Stand or Propose a Solution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More people should skate - They should let us skate anywhere we want. - They should make more skate parks. |

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Express and Reflect

I remember my first Angels game. Coming through the tunnel with my Uncle Phil, I had a thrill in my stomach. As I emerged from the shadow of the tunnel, the field emerged. The grass was so green it hurt my eyes. I could hear the whack of the bat, and as I looked up I saw a lazy fly ball falling harmlessly into shallow center field. That was the moment my baseball life began.

Inform and Explain

The Angels were not always from Anaheim. When they first started, they were known as the Los Angeles Angels and they played in a small ballpark in L.A. called Wrigley Field. They moved to Anaheim in the early 1960's and changed their name to the California Angels. A few years ago, they changed their name to the Anaheim Angels, and recently they have changed it again—they are now the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Evaluate and Judge

The food at Angel Stadium is awful and overpriced. I have been to a number of stadiums (Seattle, Boston) where the food is excellent – but in Anaheim it is very dull. Hot dogs, peanuts, nachos, and Cracker Jacks make up most of what is offered. This is a far cry from the clam chowder in Boston or the fish and chips in Seattle.

Inquire and Explore

Long before the Angels, there were the Negro Leagues. Babe Ruth is often held up as the model of the quintessential American baseball player, but how can that be when he never played against a single African-American player? Long before the great Jackie Robinson, there were many talented black ballplayers who were never given an opportunity to play major league baseball. Why are they and where do they stand in the history of baseball?

Analyze and Interpret

The Angels missed the playoffs this year. Why? They let Vladimir Guerrero go to Texas and tried replacing him with Hideki Matsui. This created a notable drop in offensive production. Losing their best hitter, Kendry Morales, to a broken leg in a freak accident also contributed to the poor year. Last, their bullpen was far too inconsistent to propel a team into the playoffs.

Take a Stand/Propose a Solution

Baseball, more than any other sport, is a game of statistics, and as such, has been terribly stained by the steroids issue. As a result, cheaters like Sammy Sosa, Mark McGuire, Barry Bonds, and A-Rod have broken many of the hallowed records. This is a travesty, so it is the commissioner's job to mark all of these records set in the steroids area with asterisks.