

### Take-Home Genre Write

You will be given two samples of writing. Please choose *one*. You will write a genre-based analysis of one of the two attached pieces of writing. You will be required to read the sample, analyze and assess the generic conventions, and present and defend interpretations for the following items:

- the **genres of form** and **subject**—(e.g. a science fiction short story, a newspaper's sports article)
- the author's intended **audience** or the assumed average reader—(e.g. young adult students, female tennis players and those interested in women's tennis)
- the author's **purpose** or **message**—(e.g. reliance on technology limits human interaction, Jane Doe's career is taking a startling upswing)

For each item, you **MUST include evidence from the sample** and **justification** or **commentary** to explain how that evidence supports your interpretation. You should reference your genre notes in your justification.

These responses do not need to be in the form of a formal essay, but they **MUST** be in **full sentences** and **2-4 paragraphs**. How you structure the paragraphs is up to you—for example, you may write about *form* and *subject* in separate paragraphs and combine your *audience* and *message* responses into one paragraph. The total length of the responses should be between **300 and 600 words**. Remember, quality of thought is more important than the length of paper.

Example response excerpt: *Suzanne Collins' work The Hunger Games is definitely a novel. It is written in prose and paragraphs, and the 300-page work is separated into chapters. Another convention of the novel form is that the work tells a story; the novel primarily surrounds a brutal annual competition known as 'The Hunger Games' and the experiences of the narrator, Katniss, within them. The fact that this adventure is told by a teenage girl is actually an indicator that...*  
(The genre(s) of the available samples will not be as obvious.)

Standard formatting conventions apply:

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- Last name, page # Header
- 1.5-2 spaced
- 12pt Font, Times New Roman
- 1-inch margins

(see attached rubric for a breakdown of the points)