One Event, Three Texts

How genre guides a writer's choices.

7.P.AC.3.b "Apply knowledge of how mode and genre impact what kinds of ideas and information are included in texts. (I/C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail in each paragraph that fits that genre, then circle the sentence in each paragraph that explains the genre's purpose.

One Bus Stop, Different Texts

1. When the city opened a solar-powered bus stop near Lincoln Middle School, a local newspaper reported the event. The news article named the location, opening date, cost, and number of charging ports. It quoted a transit official and explained which routes would use the stop. The reporter focused on verified details that affected riders. It did not invent anyone's private thoughts or add a surprise ending, because readers needed clear information about a public change.

2. In a personal essay about the same bus stop, a seventh grader described waiting in the rain with her trumpet case and watching the first bus arrive. She explained that the roof made her feel safer during storms. Her memories and opinions helped readers understand why the change mattered to one person. The essay might mention the opening day, but it would not need the project's full cost or every route. Its purpose was to share an individual experience, not provide a complete public report.

3. A mystery story could use the bus stop as a setting, but it would include different ideas. A character might notice a locked panel, a missing key card, and muddy footprints near the chargers. These clues would create questions about who entered the stop after dark. The writer could hide some information until the final scene, when the character solves the problem. Exact construction costs and route schedules would matter only if they helped the plot. The story's goal would be suspense, not a full explanation of the transit project.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which details in the news article show that it is meant to inform the public? Name two.

2. What kinds of information does the personal essay include that a news article does not need to include?

3. How does the mystery story use information differently from the news article? Use one example from the passage.

4. If a writer needed to give riders a complete explanation of the new bus stop, which genre would fit best? Why?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a school event. List three details a news report would include and three different details a personal essay would include, then write one sentence explaining why the genres use different details.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one detail in each paragraph that fits that genre, then circle the sentence in each paragraph that explains the genre's purpose. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which details in the news article show that it is meant to inform the public? Name two.	**Any two: the location, opening date, cost, number of charging ports, quote from a transit official, or bus routes.**
2	What kinds of information does the personal essay include that a news article does not need to include?	**The writer's memories, opinions, feelings, and personal experience, such as waiting in the rain with a trumpet case.**
3	How does the mystery story use information differently from the news article? Use one example from the passage.	**It uses clues and hides information to create suspense, such as the locked panel, missing key card, muddy footprints, or information saved for the final scene.**
4	If a writer needed to give riders a complete explanation of the new bus stop, which genre would fit best? Why?	**A news article would fit best because it gives verified public details, such as costs, dates, routes, and official information.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

News report: event date and time; number of projects displayed; names of the judges. Personal essay: my nervousness before presenting my wind turbine; the sound of families talking in the gym; my pride when my project worked. A news report gives readers public facts, while a personal essay shares one person's experience and feelings.

Accept reasonable details that fit the chosen event and genre. The news-report details should be factual and public, while the personal-essay details should show an individual's memories, observations, feelings, or opinions.