

Same Event, Different Design

Trace how genre changes the order of the same event.

9.P.AC.3.c “Apply knowledge of how mode and genre impact how ideas and information are structured and arranged in texts. (I/C)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the genre label in each paragraph, then number 1, 2, and 3 beside the first three major pieces of information in that paragraph. Use your numbers to compare how each genre arranges ideas.

A Morning on the Cedar Line

- ① **EMERGENCY ALERT**, 6:10 A.M. The Cedar Line will not run between Harbor and Pine stations today. Avoid those stations until further notice. A track inspection found damage near Harbor Station after overnight storms. Riders traveling downtown should use Route 14 buses, which will stop at both closed stations every 15 minutes. The transit agency expects an update by noon. Check the agency’s website or station signs before leaving, because service plans may change. Staff members at Harbor will direct riders to the bus stops. Accessibility shuttles will operate on their regular schedule.
- ② **NEWS BRIEF**, 7:00 A.M. Morning commuters encountered a partial closure on the Cedar Line after inspectors found damaged track near Harbor Station. The closure affects service between Harbor and Pine, according to the transit agency. “Safety comes before speed,” agency spokesperson Lena Ortiz said in a morning statement. Officials sent Route 14 buses to both stations and said they would examine the track before restoring rail service. The Cedar Line normally carries riders from the waterfront into downtown. Agency leaders plan to release another update at noon, when they expect to know more about repairs.
- ③ **JOURNAL ENTRY**, Tuesday evening. I was halfway to Harbor Station when I saw the closed gates and the bright orange notice. For a minute, I worried that I would miss my shift at the bakery. Then a staff member pointed me toward the Route 14 stop, where a long line of sleepy riders had formed. On the bus, a stranger offered me a map app when my phone lost its signal. I arrived late, but my manager understood. By dinner, I kept thinking about how quickly one broken section of track had changed everyone’s morning.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which genre gives readers a direct instruction before explaining the cause of the closure? Quote the instruction.

2 After its opening sentence, how does the news brief arrange information about the closure?

3 Identify two types of details included in the journal entry that are not needed in the emergency alert. How do those details fit a journal entry?

4 Both the emergency alert and the news brief mention Route 14 buses. Why does the alert present the buses as a rider action, while the news brief presents them as an official response?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a different school event that changes plans, such as bad weather moving an activity indoors. Write a 45 to 60 word public announcement and a 45 to 60 word diary entry about the same event. Put immediate actions and key logistics first in the announcement, and arrange the diary entry in time order with a personal reaction.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the genre label in each paragraph, then number 1, 2, and 3 beside the first three major pieces of information in that paragraph. Use your numbers to compare how each genre arranges ideas. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which genre gives readers a direct instruction before explaining the cause of the closure? Quote the instruction.	The emergency alert. "Avoid those stations until further notice."
2	After its opening sentence, how does the news brief arrange information about the closure?	It gives the affected area, includes an official statement, reports the response, adds background, and ends with the planned update.
3	Identify two types of details included in the journal entry that are not needed in the emergency alert. How do those details fit a journal entry?	It includes personal worries and observations, such as fearing a missed bakery shift and seeing sleepy riders. These details fit a journal because it records one person's experience and reaction.
4	Both the emergency alert and the news brief mention Route 14 buses. Why does the alert present the buses as a rider action, while the news brief presents them as an official response?	The alert helps riders decide what to do, so it tells them to use Route 14. The news brief reports events, so it explains that officials sent the buses.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday's outdoor field day will move to the gym because storms are forecast. Students should report to first-period class at the usual time and bring a water bottle. Events will begin at 9:00 a.m.; teachers will share revised activity groups after attendance at classroom doors. **DIARY ENTRY:** At first, I groaned when Ms. Diaz announced that field day was moving indoors. Then I saw rain hammering the windows and understood why. During lunch, my friends and I practiced relay races in the gym, and the smaller space made us laugh harder than I expected.

Accept answers that accurately connect the order and kinds of details to each genre's purpose. For the open task, accept varied events if both texts describe the same event, meet the word ranges, and use genre-appropriate organization.