

Writing

Suggested Text Forms and Text Features to be Worked Toward in grades K-5

LITERATURE OR LITERARY FORMS

Narrative

experiential stories

fictional stories

(e.g., picture books, fantasy)

Personal letters, cards, and notes

Diaries/journals

Labels

Recounts

Rhymes

Retellings

Poems: patterned poetry, couplet,

free verse, quatrain, haiku

Plays

Biographies and autobiographies

Tall tales

Comics

Narrative essays

Personal essays

KEY

Kindergarten

Third Grade

First Grade

Fourth Grade

Second Grade

Fifth Grade

Underlined print denotes elements new to corresponding grade level.

INFORMATIONAL TASK-ORIENTED AND/OR TECHNICAL WRITING

Labels

Captions

Informational sentences

Recounts

Answers to questions

Questions and answers

Instructions (explain how to)

Learning logs

Reviews

Reports

Book reviews and book reports

Posters and brochures

Directions (to a location) / Procedures
(to a game, to make something)

Paraphrase

Expository writing (explain about) / essays
(explain why, compare/contrast)

Expository speeches (explain about,
explain why)

Field notes

Newspaper and magazine articles

Summaries

Business letters to thank, request,
complain, explain

Letters to the editor

Memos

Literary analyses (explain about
character, plot, setting)

Editorials

Interviews

Minutes