

ELEMENTS OF NONFICTION



Nonfiction Writing

- Organization
 - ▣ **Chronological-** presents details in time order (first to last OR last to first)
 - ▣ **Compare and Contrast-** shows ways in which two or more subjects are similar and different.
 - ▣ **Cause and Effect-** shows the relationship among events.
 - ▣ **Problem-Solution-** identifies a problem and then proposes a solution

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- **Author's tone-** the writer's attitude toward his or her subject. The tone can often be described by a single adjective; *formal, informal, serious, playful, friendly, cold.*
- **Voice-** a writer's distinctive way of speaking in his or her writing. Voice may vary from work to work by the same writer, or it may represent a characteristic literary personality. Voice can be based on word choice, tone, sound devices, pace, and grammatical structure.

Types of Nonfiction

- **Letters-** written texts addressed to a specific person or organization.
- **Memoirs and journals-** personal thoughts and reflections.
- **Web logs (blogs)-** journals posted and updated online.
- **Biography-** life story written by another person.
- **Autobiography-** the writer's account of his or her own life
- **Media Accounts-** nonfiction works written for newspapers, magazines, televisions, or radio

Nonfiction Essays and Articles

- ▣ **Essay or Article-** nonfiction work about a particular subject.
- ▣ **Persuasive-** meant to convince the reader to adopt a particular point of view or course of action.
- ▣ **Expository-** presents facts and ideas or explains a process.
- ▣ **Narrative-** tells the story of a real-life experiences.
- ▣ **Reflective-** address an experience and include the writer's insights about the event's importance.