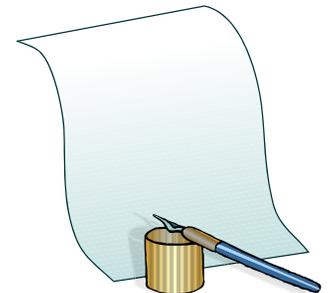# CHARACTERISTICS OF:

Characteristics of a Fictional Narrative	Characteristics of a Historical Fictional Narrative
❖ Tells an imagined story ❖ Focused on one event that appears to be significant to the writer ❖ Orient the reader-establish the situation and introduce narrator/character ❖ Needs to include the elements of a story (narrator and/or characters, setting, organized event sequence- that unfolds naturally) ❖ Movement through time with temporal words/phrases ❖ Dialogue ❖ Descriptions of actions, thoughts and feelings to develop experiences, events or reactions of characters ❖ Use concrete word, phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events ❖ Provide a sense of closure ❖ Conclusions that follow from the narrated experiences ❖ Is reflective	❖ Tells a fictitious story set in the past ❖ Surrounded by historical circumstances ❖ Conforms to the details of established facts ❖ Needs to include the elements of a story (narrator and/or characters, setting, organized event ❖ Movement through time with temporal words/phrases ❖ Dialogue ❖ Descriptions of actions, thoughts and feelings to develop experiences, events or reactions of characters ❖ Use concrete word, phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events ❖ Provide a sense of closure ❖ Conclusions that follow from the narrated experiences ❖ Is reflective

Characteristics of

Informative/Explanatory Writing:	Personal Expository/ Opinion Essay

❖ *Examines a topic*
❖ *Conveys ideas and information clearly*
❖ *Provides general observation and focus*
❖ *Groups related information logically*
❖ *Formatting includes:*
❖ *Headings, subheadings; illustrations and multimedia when useful in aiding comprehension*
❖ *Develops topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations or other information related to topic*
❖ *Uses linking words and phrases that connect opinion and reasons*
❖ *Uses precise and domain- specific vocabulary to inform or explain the topic*
❖ *Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.*
	❖ States an opinion or point of view
	❖ Includes an organizational structure that lists reasons that support/prove the opinion
	   ❖ Descriptive details
	   ❖ Concrete proof
	   ❖ Facts
	   ❖ Includes others who have the same opinion(quote)
	   ❖ Includes comparisons
	   ❖ An anecdote that supports the topic
	❖ Uses linking words and phrases that connect opinion and reasons
	❖ Uses precise and domain- specific vocabulary to inform or explain the topic
	❖ Presents reasons in order of importance
	❖ May include an opposing viewpoint
	❖ Provides a conclusion related to the opinion/explanation