

Written Explanation Guide

Form

Writing prompts:

- Which form have you chosen?
- Why have you chosen this form?
- What are the structural features of the form?

Expository	Imaginative	Persuasive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay • Letter • Magazine article • Newspaper article • Pamphlets • Presentation • Report • Research Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary • Interior monologue • Letters • Poems • Script • Short stories • Speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article • Blog • Debate • Editorial • Letter to the editor • Opinion piece • Speech

Example: 'I chose to adopt the conventions of a persuasive speech, where I use a structure of presenting my main ideas by rebutting arguments made by the opposition. Throughout my speech, I embed persuasive tactics in effort to firstly, encourage engagement from the audience and secondly, sway them to readily accept my point of view.'

Language

Writing prompts:

- Which language techniques (also known as literary devices or metalanguage) did I use in my piece?
- Why did I choose those language techniques?

Language techniques				
First-person perspective	Repetition	Symbolism	Appeal to guilt	Onomatopoeia

Formal	Metaphor	Appeal to sympathy	Patriotism	Persona
Informal	Inclusive language	Exaggeration	Imagery	Anecdote
Third-person perspective	Rhetorical questions	Alliteration	Appeal to hip-pocket nerve	Humour

Example: 'Since I am an Asian-Australian, I have purposefully forgone the opportunity to adopt a persona and instead, have chosen to write from first person perspective as I can uniquely shed light on my own experiences towards cultural exchange and how that has directly impacted me. My speech heavily focuses on delivering tangible examples such as anecdotes and social media usage as I aim to heighten the topic's relevancy and relatability for my audience. Moreover, as my focus is to reinforce positive attitudes towards cultural exchange, I have adopted a light-hearted approach with humour through the first portion of my speech, then moving into an urgent tone towards the end to highlight the importance of this issue.'

Audience

Writing prompts:

- Who is my audience?
- What sex is my audience?
- What age range is my audience?
- What interests do my audience have?
- What values do they have?
- Who is excluded from my audience? Why?
- Do I have more than one audience?
- Why is my piece relevant to this audience?
- What do I hope to achieve through targeting this audience?

Example: 'I have opted to target young Australian adults since we are the generation of the future, and have a major role to play in positively shaping the Australian society's views and attitudes towards cultures exchange.'

Purpose

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Example: 'I aim to convince my audience that it is too easy to cry 'cultural appropriation' by being overly sensitive, and instead, we need to consider the benefits of cultural exchange. Cultural exchange itself, has shaped the world as we know it today – it has an important role in globalisation, understanding foreign cultures, and the development of Australian society.'

Context

Writing prompts:

- What is my piece based on? (e.g. for creative, your school text or for persuasive, a debated topic)
- What ideas have I focused on?
- Why have I decided to focus on these ideas?
- What do I hope to achieve by focusing on these ideas?

Example: 'Australia is known to be one of the most multicultural countries in the world. However, recent media has drawn attention to cries of 'cultural appropriation' towards Indigenous Australians and other cultures, claiming that we fail to appreciate and respect cultural values when we take others' culture for our own (whether it be fashion, music, food, or otherwise).'