



Multi-Genre Options

Nontraditional Research Writing Styles

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Collage/montage—Several pieces “patched” together to create a composite.

Double-voice—Conveys two different perspectives or attitudes toward a subject by including two “voices” within one piece of writing—often utilizing a published piece of writing with an additional “voice” woven into the lines.

List—A series of items, at least five, all related to a specific subject matter.

Poetry based on pictures—Poetry inspired by a picture about or related to the subject. Can include an interesting perspective.

Memo—Using the format of an inter-office memo, this style allows the writer to share information creatively with specific audiences highlighted.

Obituary—A traditional newspaper write-up, including highlights of life achievements, date and cause of death, surviving family members, etc.

Business letter—A formal letter written to an audience affected by or responsible for the subject matter of research.

Friendly letter—A personal letter to someone directly or indirectly involved with the researched subject.

Manifesto—A declaration of purpose for a group, outlining basic principles and intentions.

Interview—One-on-one fictitious conversation with someone (or something).

Six-room poem—A piece structured by pre-writing different ideas in 6 different boxes—each idea uniquely presented in various rhythms and lengths highlighting different facets of a subject.

Birth announcement—Using traditional information included on birth announcement, this piece can be creatively adapted to subjects other than biographies.

Recipe—Use of a traditional “cooking” recipe to show ingredients required for specific events, lives, or inventions.

Advertisement—Simple advertising copy ranging from classified to full-page magazine ads to online pop-ups.

Labyrinth—Information revealed using sentences and inserted images to represent specific nouns.

Multi-Genre Writing Assignment

Labyrinth

Charlie Brown is a lonely boy with a dog named **Snoopy**, who has a friend bird

Woodstock and a brother **Spike**, from the Daisy Hill Puppy Farm, and

Charlie Brown's best friend is **Linus Van Pelt**, who *loves* his **blue** security

blanket and has a little brother named **Rerun** and is *loved* by **Charlie Brown's** sister

Sally, and **Linus** has a fussbudget sister named **Lucy**, who runs a

psychiatric booth and hates **Snoopy** but *loves* **Schroeder**, and he *loves* his toy

piano and Beethoven, and while we're on the subject of *love*, **Peppermint Patty** is a tomboyish

girl who *loves* **Charlie Brown**, but **Charlie Brown** is in *love* with

the little **red-haired** girl, and **Marcie** is **Peppermint Patty's** amiga,

who calls her "Sir", but **Peppermint Patty's** real name is Patricia Reichardt.

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First-Person Point of View Writing

I Am a Tornado

I am a tornado. I destroy houses.
I am funnel shaped. I form from wind
and ~~sets~~ clouds mixing having wreckage
I go, people scream when I form.
I do not stand still. I do not show mercy.
I am a tornado and I destroy all.
I am cruel where ever I go. If there
was a million of me I would rule the
world. I am the one that that makes
storms worse. I don't have any friends
because of what I do. But I, can't help it,
it's too much fun. People try to stop clouds
and wind so I wait to form. But that's
impossible. Clouds and winds are every where
I just wait a few weeks and they will funnel into
me. The emperor of storms and weather.

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Resume

JOHN F. KENNEDY, JR.

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Profile Decorated soldier transitioning from active duty to civilian life –tour of duty ended 1945. Highly motivated to leadership and success. Qualifications include a degree from Harvard University and extensive experience in military leadership, political diplomacy, foreign policy, and civil rights.

Important Features

- Leader	- Bold	- Military Mind
- Problem Solver	- Courageous	- Diplomat
- Unbiased	- Family oriented	- Strategist
- Charismatic	- Irish Catholic	- President

Experience US Navy – Ended with rank of Lieutenant 9/41 to 1945.
Awarded Navy and Marine Corps Medal with following citation: *For extremely heroic conduct as Commanding Officer of Motor Torpedo Boat 109 following the collision and sinking of that vessel in the Pacific War Theater on August 1-2, 1943. Unmindful of personal danger, Lieutenant Kennedy unhesitatingly braved the difficulties and hazards of darkness to direct rescue operations, swimming many hours to secure aid and food after he had succeeded in getting his crew ashore. His outstanding courage, endurance and leadership contributed to the saving of several lives and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.*

Results: Earned respect and admiration of fellow soldiers.
Saved the life of another Marine when PT 109 was attacked.
Elected to fill U.S. Representative seat in 1946.
Campaigning for Presidency in 1960.

Recognition & Awards Honored with the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, with three bronze service stars and the World War II Victory Medal.

Education & Credentials Harvard University – Cambridge, MA
Science degree – 1940
The Choate School – Wallingford, CT
Graduated, 6/35

Elected Office Highlights:

-1946 – U.S. Representative	-1952 – U.S. Senate	-1956 – nominated for V.P.
-1960 – Initiated campaign for President	-1960 – Elected President	-1963 – assassinated

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Recipe

Here's What's Cookin'



100,00 expected people
3 days of music
20-mile traffic jams
1 Heavy rain
35 bands
50,000 filled porta-potties
400,000 unexpected, non-ticket holders
Alcohol (use varies)
Free love
3 days of peace and love
\$2.4 million
600 acres of farmland
\$18/ticket
3 days of public nudity
1 few burglaries/crimes
Drugs i.e. LSD—acid, speed, heroin, etc. (use varies)

Mix 100,000 expected people, \$18/ticket, and 400,000 unexpected non-ticket holders. Put mixture in 600 acres of farmland with 50,000 filled porta-potties, and add 20-mile traffic jams. In a separate bowl, blend a few burglaries/crimes with 3 days of music, 3 days of peace and love, and 3 days of public nudity. Combine both mixtures and pour in 1 Heavy rain. Next, take \$2.4 million and 35 bands and pour in alcohol and drugs. Blend remaining mixtures together. Stir for 5-10 minutes. Top with a thick layer of free love. Free love may take a while to cool, so set out cuisine for a few years.



Woodstock
Recipe from: 1969
Serves: Flower children



Love