

Writing with Style

Name _____



There are many different styles of writing. These styles are called **genres**. Two important writing genres are **expository nonfiction** writing and **persuasive** writing.

Expository Nonfiction	Persuasive
The purpose of expository nonfiction writing is to give the readers facts about a topic. The writing is often organized by presenting the main facts then supporting them with more detailed facts.	The purpose of persuasive writing is to convince the readers to take action or to understand or adopt your viewpoint. The position is clearly stated and reasons are given to support this position.

Directions: Use the explanations above to decide whether the passages below are expository nonfiction (EN) or persuasive (P) writing. Circle the answers.

Snakes are cold-blooded creatures. They go into the sunshine to stay warm. Their bodies are covered with scales. EN or P	Watching too much TV is bad for you. It can keep you from thinking and getting exercise. Children should spend more time reading books instead. This will help make them smart. EN or P
Children should be allowed to eat dessert every night. Dessert is a good treat to have after dinner. EN or P	Hurricanes are storms that can be dangerous. They are formed in warm weather over water. EN or P