

## GENRES IN SCHOOL HISTORY

Knowledge and activity domains	Genre	Purpose
Chronicling history	<b>Recounts</b> 1 autobiographical 2 biographical 3 historical recount	1 retells events in own life 2 retells events in a person's life 3 retells events in the past
Describing the way things were	<b>Reports</b> 1 descriptive 2 taxonomic	1 gives information about how things were 2 organises knowledge according to a system of classification or composition
Explaining history	<b>Historical account</b> <b>Explanations</b> 1 factorial 2 consequential	○ accounts for why events happened in a particular sequence 1 explains the reasons or factors that contribute to a particular outcome 2 explains the effects or consequences of a situation
Arguing, discussing and challenging history	<b>Expository genres</b> 1 argument 2 discussion 3 challenge	1 presents arguments on an issue in order to persuade the reader/listener to agree with a particular point of view 2 presents the case for more than one point of view about an issue 3 challenges established points of view

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## GENRES IN SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY

Knowledge and activity domains	Genre	Purpose
Recording and accounting for change over time	<b>Recounts</b> 1 biographical 2 historical	1 retells events in a person's life 2 retells environmental event or community over a period of time
Describing geographic features	<b>Reports</b> 1 descriptive 2 taxonomic 3 comparative	1 describes features of places or physical phenomena 2 organises knowledge according to a system of classification or composition 3 compares similarities and differences between places
Explaining geographic features	<b>Historical account</b> <b>Explanations</b> 1 sequential 2 causal 3 factorial 4 consequential	○ retells events in the past and provides accounts for why 1 explains a physical phenomenon by presenting the events producing the phenomenon in chronological order 2 explains the sequence of an event or phenomenon with reasons included 3 explains the multiple factors that contribute to a particular event or phenomenon 4 explains the effects or consequences of a particular event or phenomenon
Exploring issues in geography	<b>Expository genres</b> 1 analytical argument 2 hortatory argument 3 discussion	1 presents arguments on an issue in order to persuade the reader/listener to agree with a particular point of view 2 presents arguments and also tries to persuade the reader/listener to take some action 3 presents the case for more than one point of view about an issue

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