

Genre Analysis Worksheet

—BIG PICTURE— Identify the situation: • Where is the genre being used? • What is the genre responding to? Assess the content: • What issues, ideas, questions, or topics does the genre address? Note the audience: • Who uses and cares about this genre? Think from both writers' and readers' perspectives. • What are the characteristics of a writer/reader in this situation? Understand the purpose: • Why do writers and readers use this genre? • What do they hope to accomplish?	—YOUR RESPONSE—
—PATTERN IDENTIFICATION— Describe unique genre characteristics: • What types of examples or evidence usually appear in this genre? • What is the tone of this genre? (e.g., factual, emotional, comedic, etc.) • How is this genre structured and formatted? (e.g., organization, layout) • How is the genre typically presented? (e.g., audiovisual, print, etc.) • How is language used in this genre? ○ Level of formality ○ Length and type of sentences ○ Word choice, jargon	—YOUR RESPONSE—
—PATTERN ANALYSIS— Explain the patterns: • What does your audience need to know in order to understand this genre? • Who is included and excluded in the genre? • What content is considered most and least important? • What values, beliefs, or assumptions are revealed through the genre patterns? • What actions does the genre make possible and difficult?	—YOUR RESPONSE—