Rhetoric is the study of writing, and the basic types of academic writing are referred to as **rhetorical modes**.

Rhetorical mode	Definition/purpose	Example (title/author)	Brief summary
narration	tells a story or relates an event. A useful tool for sequencing or putting details and information into some kind of logical order, usually chronological.	**"To My One Love"** **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichi** **"Me Talk Pretty One Day" David Sedaris**	**(you fill this in)**
description	includes many vivid sensory details that paint a picture and appeals to all of the reader's senses when appropriate. **It** may also paint pictures of the feelings the person, place or thing invokes in the **writer**.	**"How it Feels to be Colored Me"** **Zora Neale Hurston** **" Victor's Hall"** **Victoria Millet**	
Process analysis	a method of paragraph or essay development by which a writer explains step by step how something is done or how to do something. It can take one of two forms: Information about how something works	**"On Dumpster Diving"** **Lars Eighner** **"Learning to Read"** **Malcolm X**	
example			
definition			
classification			
compare/contrast			
cause/effect			

argument/persuasion			