

Genre Analysis Worksheet

<p style="text-align: center;">—BIG PICTURE—</p> <p>Identify the situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Where is the genre being used? ● What is the genre responding to? <p>Assess the content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What issues, ideas, questions, or topics does the genre address? <p>Note the audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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? <p>Understand the purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why do writers and readers use this genre? ● What do they hope to accomplish? 	<p style="text-align: center;">—YOUR RESPONSE—</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">—PATTERN IDENTIFICATION—</p> <p>Describe unique genre characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Level of formality ○ Length and type of sentences ○ Word choice, jargon 	<p style="text-align: center;">—YOUR RESPONSE—</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">—PATTERN ANALYSIS—</p> <p>Explain the patterns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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? 	<p style="text-align: center;">—YOUR RESPONSE—</p>