

## Writing an Informational Article

### Step 1 – Brainstorming

Make a list of topics about which you would like more information and which you think might be relevant to . Can you think of interesting topics in each of the areas below?

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Business and Economics

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Sports

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Social Justice

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Other...

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## Step 2 - Analyze

Pick one of your topics from the list in Step 1. Find three informational articles about this topic and complete the chart below.

What do you notice about the structure of an informational article?	
Are there common phrases to present different kinds of information or organize the article? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transitions</li> <li>• Facts</li> <li>• Sequencing</li> </ul>	
Who is the audience? How is this reflected in the informational pieces you read?	
What are common structures used to open and close the article?	
How are examples and images used?	
Any other observations that might help you write your own article based on your chosen models?	

## Step 3 – Your Turn!

Now, write an informational article of your own in \_\_\_\_\_ to be shared with your classmates. Be sure to include the following:

- A proper opening and closing
- Relevant facts and figures for understanding your topic
- At least one illustrative example for each fact you discuss
- An organizational frame
- Pictures or images, if it is relevant to your topic

Before you begin writing, you may find it helpful to organize your thoughts using an outline, mind map, drawing, or other organizational tool.