

Historical Writing

- ✓ systematic account of the past of a nation or group of people
- ✓ most often in narrative form
- ✓ 3 characteristics
 - concerned w/real events
 - events are treated in chronological order
 - usually an objective retelling of facts rather than a personal interpretation

Writer's Purpose

- ✓ write to **inform**, to **describe**, to **narrate**, to **entertain**, to **persuade**
- ✓ writer to accomplish two or more of these purposes

Repeated Reading

1st read = reading to help understand the text and confirm predictions (summarize main point)

2nd read = reading to develop fluency and build vocabulary (active reading = marginal notations)

*** marginal notations = asking questions, expressing surprise, disagreeing, elaborating, noting any instances of confusion, etc.

Template

Introduction

Issue/Problem the Author is Writing About

Author's Main Argument(s)

Author's Examples

Conclusion

- 1) Take notes on each point on the left column
- 2) Write your reactions and thoughts to what the author is saying
- 3) State the author's purpose in a clear and concise sentence