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- 2. Descriptive style**
- 3. Persuasive Style**
- 4. Narrative Style**

Expository or Argumentative Style

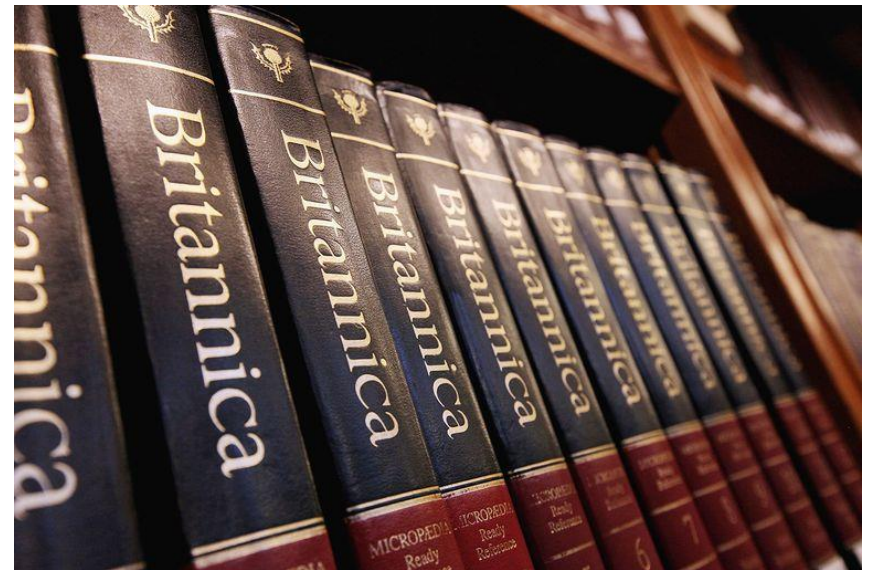
Expository writing is **writing** that seeks to explain, illuminate or 'expose' (which is where the word '**expository**' comes from). This type of **writing** can include essays, newspaper and magazine articles, instruction manuals, textbooks, encyclopedia articles and other forms of **writing**, so long as they seek to explain.



Expository Style

Expository writing style is a subject-oriented style. The focus of the writer in this type of writing style is to tell the readers about a specific subject or topic, and in the end the author leaves out his own opinion about that topic.

The purpose of expository writing differs from creative writing or persuasive writing. The purpose is merely to inform-to provide information.



Example #1: Expository Style

The pleasures of the imagination, taken in their full extent, are not so gross as those of sense... A man of polite imagination is let into a great many pleasures... A man should endeavour, therefore, to make the sphere of his innocent pleasures as wide as possible, that he may retire into them with safety ... Delightful scenes, whether in nature, painting, or poetry, have a kindly influence on the body, as well as the mind, and not only serve to clear and brighten the imagination, but are able to disperse grief and melancholy...

An excerpt from “The Pleasures of Imagination” by Joseph Addison

- This is an example of expository writing style in which the author describes advantages of imagination with facts and logical sequence and tells his delight of imagination. Then, he discusses its benefits and finally gives opinions in its favor.

Persuasive Style

- Persuasive style of writing is a category of writing in which the writer tries to give reasons and justification to make the readers believe his point of view . The persuasive style aims to persuade and convince the readers.
- Example
- ‘What if you vote for me? I ensure you that your taxes will be very low, the government will provide free education, and there will be equality and justice for all citizens. Cast your vote for me today’.
(Persuasive)

اپنے من میں ڈوب کر پاجا سرِ غِ زندگی

تو اگر میرا نہیں بنتا نہ بن اپنا تو بن

من کی دنیا! من کی دنیا سو ہستی جذبِ شوق

تن کی دنیا! تن کی دنیا سو دوسوا ملک و فن

من کی دولت ہاتھ آتی ہے تو پھر جاتی نہیں

تن کی دولت چھاؤں آتا ہے دھن جاتا دھن

Descriptive Style

In descriptive writing style, the author focuses on describing an event, a character or a place in detail. Sometimes, descriptive writing style is poetic in nature, where the author specifies an event, an object, or a thing rather than merely giving information about an event that has happened. Usually the description incorporates sensory details.

- Example 1
- 'The sunset fills the entire sky with the lovely deep color of rubies, setting the clouds ablaze'.
(Descriptive)

Example 2: Descriptive Style

- *A drop fell on the apple tree,*
- *Another on the roof,*
- *And made the gables laugh,*
- *The breezes brought dejected lutes,*
- *And bathed them in the glee;*
- *And signed the fete away.*
- An excerpt from a poem, *(Summer Shower by Emily Dickinson)*
- This poem is giving an example of descriptive style. Emily gives a description of a summer rainstorm in detail and visualizes with images so that the readers could visualize this storm in their own minds as if it is actually happening.

Example 3: Descriptive Style

- “The studio was filled with the rich odor of roses, and when the light summer wind stirred amidst the trees of the garden... The sullen murmur of the bees shouldering their way through... or circling with monotonous insistence...”
- An excerpt from Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
- This is a good example of descriptive writing style since the author gives visualizations, feelings, description of a location and details about bees that could be seen and heard

Example 4: Descriptive Style

Ode to Grecian Urn

Who are these coming to the sacrifice?

To what green altar, O mysterious priest,
Lead'st thou that heifer lowing at the skies,
And all her silken flanks with garlands dressed?
What little town by river or sea shore,
Or mountain-built with peaceful citadel,
Is emptied of this folk, this pious morn?
And, little town, thy streets for evermore
Will silent be; and not a soul to tell
Why thou art desolate, can e'er return.

O Attic shape! Fair attitude! with brede
Of marble men and maidens overwrought,
With forest branches and the trodden weed;
Thou, silent form, dost tease us out of thought
As doth eternity. Cold Pastoral!

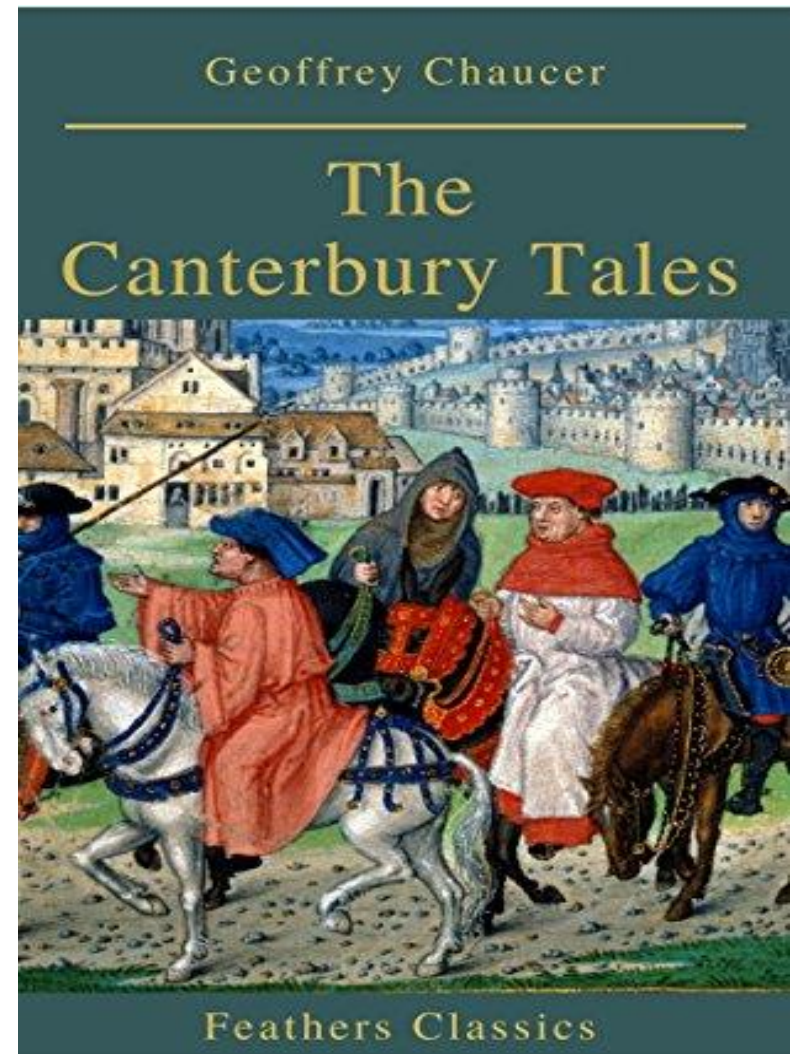
When old age shall this generation waste,
Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe
Than ours, a friend to man, to whom thou say'st,
"Beauty is truth, truth beauty"---that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.



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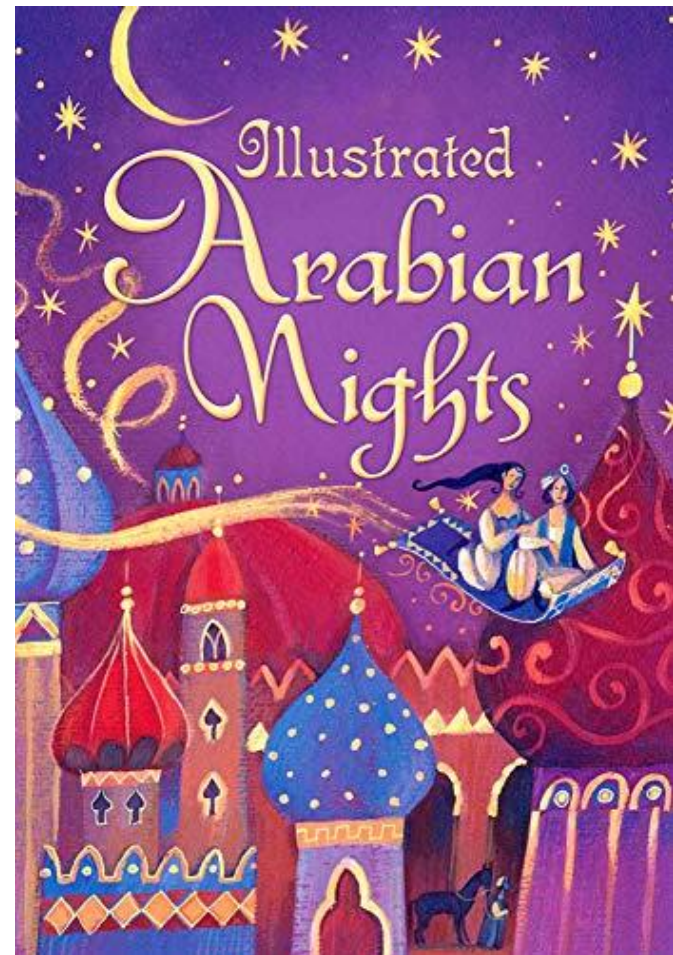
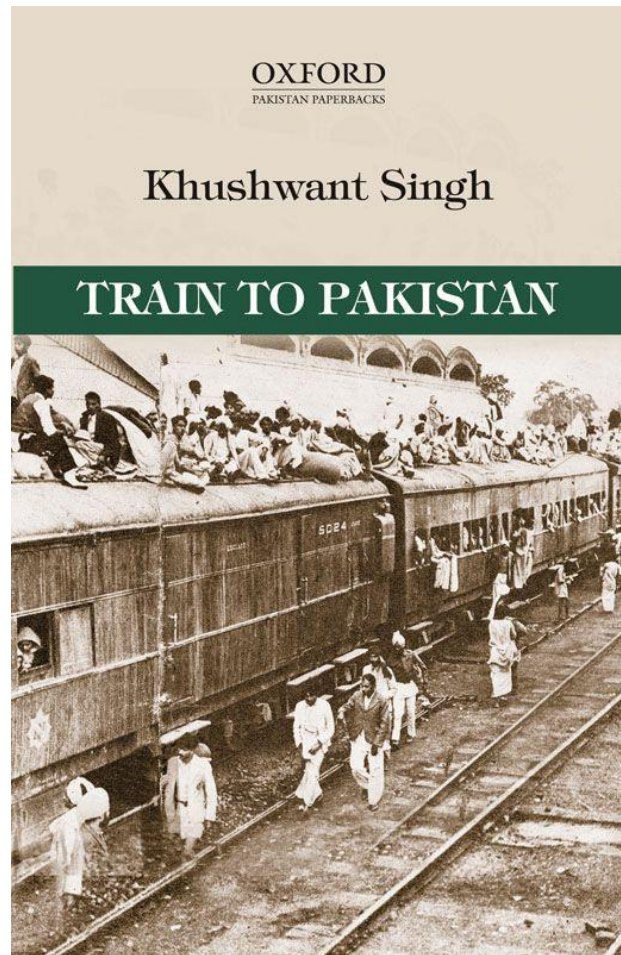
- Narrative writing style is a type of writing wherein the writer narrates a story. It includes short stories, novels, novellas, biographies, and poetry. Travelogues and novels on history are examples of narrative style.
- Example 1:
 - “I think it’s a good idea,.” said Jenny.
“You can imagine the outcomes!” retorted Emma, pushing the door open.
Reluctantly, Jenny followed.
(Narrative)

Example # 2 Narrative Style

*It is an ancient Mariner,
And he stoppeth one of three.'
By thy long grey beard and glittering eye,
Now wherefore stopp'st thou me?
The bridegroom's doors are opened wide,
The guests are met, the feast is set:
Mayst hear the merry din.*

- (The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge)
- In this poem, Coleridge uses narrative style and tells a story about the ancient mariner. He uses dialogues, disputes, actions and events in a sequence, thus provides a perfect example of the narrative style of writing.

Example 3 & 4: Narrative Style



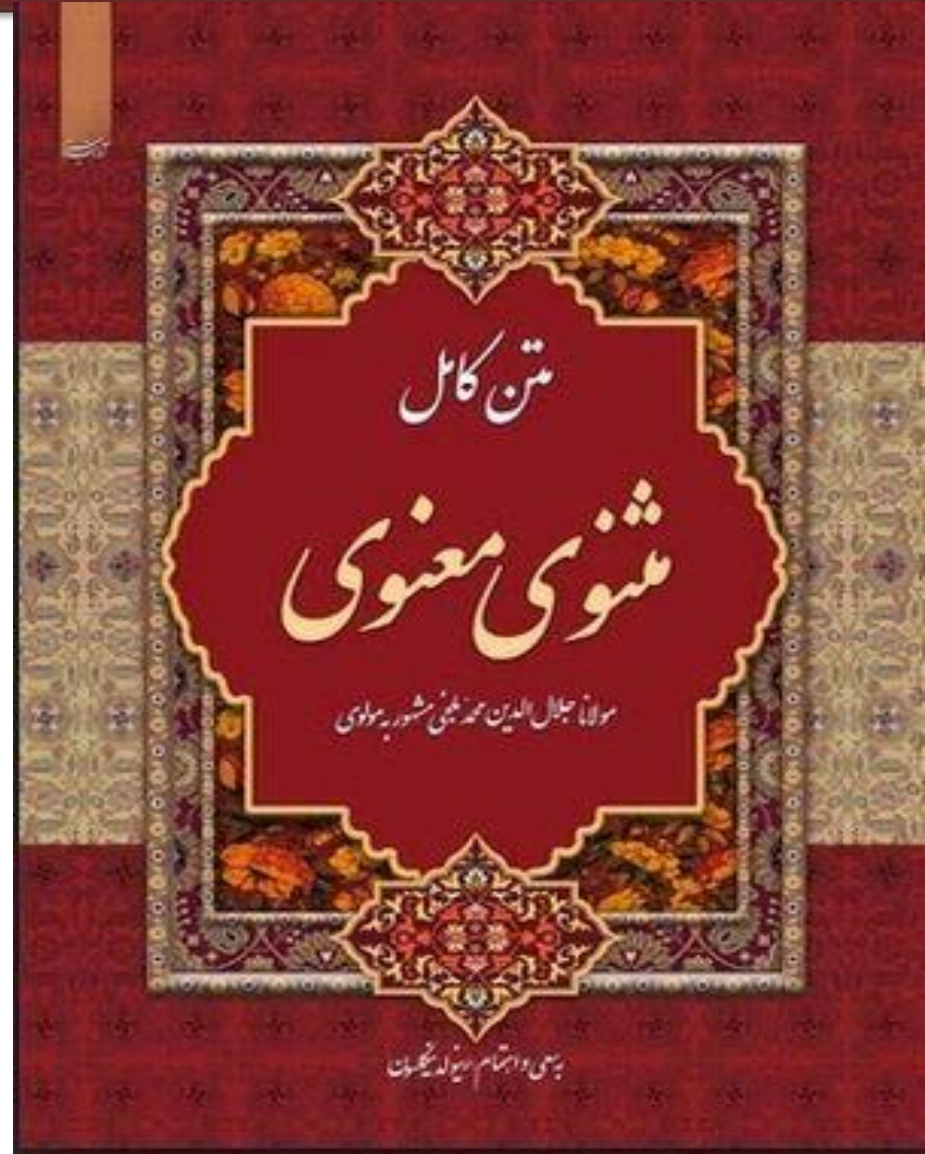
Combination of Different Styles

- Robert Browning in English literature and Meer Anees in Urdu (Elgy / dirge) poetry combine features of both descriptive and narrative style. Similarly,

Combination of All Styles

Molana Rumi's Masnavi
Molvi Manvi is a rich
specimen of stylistic
beauty.

It combines expository ,
persuasive , descriptive
and narrative styles of
writing . He persuades
readers and tells tales to
bring home the idea. His
style also has expository
descriptive features.



Thank you