



Academic Writing 2

Types of social science texts



What kind of texts will we focus on?

- Op-Ed articles (véleménycikkek, publicisztikák)
 - Journal articles (tudományos folyóiratokban megjelent tanulmányok)
 - Reviews (recenzió)
 - Research summaries (kutatási beszámoló)
 - CVs (önéletrajzok)
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- Why are these important?

Op-Ed article

- What is an Op-Ed piece?
- Originally appeared opposite the Editorial page in newspapers
- Today it is an article that presents a strong, informed opinion on an important issue
- What to know about it?
- Generally short: 4000 characters
- It has a clearly defined point to make and a defined point of view

Questions to ask yourself when writing an Op-Ed

- What is my point?
- Is it clear?
- Who am I writing for? Who am I trying to convince?
- Why should they care about my argument?
- Every op-ed piece has to have a clearly defined topic and theme. It should be stated at the beginning/first paragraph
- It should be in your own voice but grounded on research. You have to be able to support your opinion
- Source: https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/files/hks-communications-program/files/new_seglin_how_to_write_an_oped_1_25_17_7.pdf



Journal articles

- What are journal articles for?
- A way to share academic research with members of your field
- Generally peer reviewed
- Formal text, longer in length (15000-75000 characters)
- Each journal has its own rules for length, style, citation etc.
- The writer's aim is to communicate their research clearly to the readers
- Source: <https://www.monash.edu/student-academic-success/excel-at-writing/how-to-write/journal-article>

Book reviews

- Not the same as writing a literature review
- A summary, analysis and critique of a book
- They appear in journals. Written by scholars for scholars
- Informs others of the quality, purpose, and argument of the book as well as how it fits into the existing literature
- Helps others to decide whether they want to read the book
- Source:
<https://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/docs/handouts/Academic%20Book%20Reviews.V2.pdf>



Parts of a book review

- 1.) Citation and price
- 2.) Summary of the main argument
- 3.) Analysis and importance
- 4.) Relevance and intended audience
- 5.) Methodology and sources
- 6.) Critique and recommendation

Research summaries

- Used to report facts about a study. Summarizes what the study was about.
- 1.) Why was this research done? Has to present the aim of the study. What was the hypothesis?
 - 2.) Who was surveyed?
 - 3.) What was the methodology?
 - 4.) What were the key findings?
 - 5.) What was the conclusion?
 - 6.) Takeaways and action points: Given what you have learned what have you learned? What do you recommend.

Source: <https://www.questionpro.com/blog/research-summary/>

Example:

<https://www.elte.hu/media/7e/6a/3646b643e58a7ef19a6024b137384b38bee2ee7e568d105e181fc16f8fec/kutatasi-palyazat-2015-Kende-Anna-z%C3%A1r%C3%B3besz%C3%A1mol%C3%B3.pdf>