

# COMPARISON OF FORMS

| OPINION                             | REPORTING                           | MEMOIR                     | ESSAY                           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| In the arena of the world           | Viewing world<br>From apart         | Self                       | Self/world<br><i>everyday</i>   |
| Assembling                          | Investigative of<br>outward reality | Drawing from<br>within:    | Connecting,<br>thinking         |
| Current, though<br>past can be used | Recent                              | Past                       | Anytime<br><i>humor</i>         |
| Partisan                            | Objective                           | Subjective                 | Objective/<br>subjective        |
| Evidence                            | Facts                               | Experience                 | Thought                         |
| Persuasive                          | Informative                         | Evocative                  | Reflective                      |
| Focused                             | Topical                             | Associative                | Ecclectic                       |
| Strategic/<br>Selective             | Conscientious<br>Thorough           | Intuitive/<br>organic      | Instructive/<br>Exploratory     |
| General to<br>particular            | Particular                          | Universal in<br>particular | All modes                       |
| Political                           | Public                              | Intimate                   | Moves between<br>Public/private |
| Struggle/<br>engagement             | Shared context                      | Private realm              | On porch<br>Semi-private        |
| Influence                           | Curiosity                           | Wish to share              | Wish to think<br>(Write)        |
| Rational                            | Fair                                | Emotional                  | All or any                      |
| Winning reader                      | Surrogate of reader                 | Intimate of reader         | Comrade/<br>Equal of reader     |