Critical Writing

Performance Critique

Reviews are simple recitations of artistic events; critiques are evaluations of those performances.

Writings by Siskel & Ebert; art critic Robert Hughes; film critiques by Pauline Kael

Editorial

Editorials apply evaluative criteria to social, ideological or political issues

Editorial page writings, personal columns, guest views on radio and ty

Interpretive History

Fictionalized accounting of past events from secondand third-hand sources

Stephen.
Oates; E.L.
Doctorow; A
Tale of Two
Cities; Sir
Walter Scott;
1776

Narrative History

Chronological accounting of past events from secondand third-hand sources

Killer Angels; Exile's Return; works by Simon Schama

Informal Analysis

First-person treatment of predominantly second- and thirdhand materials

Sexual Personae by Camille Paglia; essays by Stephen Jay Gould; Terrible Honesty by Ann Douglas

Academic Analysis

Third-person treatment of predominantly second- and third-hand materials

Any treatment of materials in academic venues (history, art, science, math, etc.); The Great War by Paul Fussell; Land of Desire by William Leach