

- **In each of the following, identify the likely audience and purpose.**
- **What elements of style are becoming apparent that suggests the author has given serious consideration to these two crucial aspects of writing?**
- **Which ones look to be truly informative and which are more a kind of 'disguised persuasion'.**
- **How has each author begun to use facts and opinions in each? What are the qualities of these?**

Hi Jen,

It's your old mate, Alex. It seems an age since you left us for Oz so I thought I would drop you a line to let you know what's been happening back here. Well, you won't believe this but Sally - you remember her, the blonde-haired girl that that bully Yvonne always picked on because she was so tiny? Well, guess what? Sal's having the last laugh now. - she's the tallest in the class! She must have grown a foot in three months!

The birth of Adam Nash is one of the most significant innovations in human history. For decades there has been talk of designer babies, but now we are confronted with the reality. For the first time, a human being has been created to order, according to a preset specification. Adam Nash is indeed the new Adam. This Adam was created, not by God breathing spirit into clay, or even by the mysterious processes of evolution. Adam Nash was created by scientists in the laboratory for a specific purpose.

A fearful man, all in coarse grey, with a great iron on his leg. A man with no hat, and with broken shoes, and with an old rag tied round his head. A man who had been soaked in water, and smothered in mud, and lamed by stones, and cut by flints, and stung by nettles, and torn by briars; who limped, and shivered, and glared and growled; and whose teeth chattered in his head as he seized me by the chin.

The New York area was first discovered by the Europeans when Henry Hudson, the English captain of the Dutch East India Company vessel *De Halve Maen*, laid anchor at Sandy Hook, before sailing up what is now known as the Hudson River. In 1614 Dutch merchants established a trading post at Fort Orange. Ten years later thirty families came from Holland to establish a settlement that became known as New Netherland. The Dutch government gave exclusive trading rights to the Dutch West India Company and over the next few years other colonists arrived a large settlement was established on Manhattan Island.

MP RESIGNS POST OVER IRAQ

Tony Blair has suffered the first Government resignation over the Iraqi crisis after MP Andrew Reed, an aide to Environment Secretary Margaret Beckett, confirmed that he is quitting his position.

Having a puppy for Christmas can be real fun but it also has its drawbacks. Let me tell you of some of the things that happened during the first week we had Sam...

My friend, Francis, has had her dog, Alle, for five years and her experience is quite similar. When she first had her Dalmatian...

I'm here today to let you all know what's been happening with plans for the Year 11 end of term disco. Basically, we are on target, but there are a few issues that I want to bring to your attention, as these will need the committee's approval before we can go forward...

This year, Year 11 went on a school Geography trip to North Wales - to Snowdon, to be exact. Well, it certainly didn't 'snow' but we did have to 'don' our waterproofs quite a lot - but we still managed to have a great time. To help you understand how much everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves, I have asked John and Preeya, two students from 11J2 to tell about their experience and also Mr. Jones, one of the teachers who took us there...