

Chapter 2 – Focus on Critical Thinking

Considering the Characteristics of a Text

What type of text might the following extracts have been taken from?

Textbook	Email or text	Magazine article	Report
Essay (Argumentative)	Blog	Course notes provided by the instructor	

Text	Taken from a(n)..
Advertising has a great impact on children and therefore advertisements should be designed carefully so that children do not adopt inappropriate values.	
The nervous system works through a complex network of neurons. These are the basic functioning cells of the nervous system and conduct electrical impulses between the central and peripheral nervous system.	
<p style="text-align: center;">21W.755, Writing and Reading Short Stories (Fall 2006) Shariann Lewitt Session 2: What is the Short Story?</p> <hr/> <p>You think differently reading, thinking silently, talking, writing.</p> <p>What is this story supposed to do? What is your goal as a writer in this particular work?</p> <p>(Sometimes stories shift and become different. The writer has to let it become what it will be, the writer cannot force the story into some outline if the characters are going in a different direction.)</p> <p>A lot about what short stories are NOT</p> <p>Mao said, "A revolution is not a dinner party." A short story is not a dinner party. Nor is it a novel (or a proto-novel or a little shrunken-down novel.)</p>	
Yesterday I fell over while walking in the hills and went to see the doctor, who bandaged my knee and gave me a tetanus injection.	
Major programme requirements that were identified by the directors include the need for better tools to track and evaluate clients' performance over time.	
<i>I would like to confirm your phone interview for the Staff Support Associate II position. Below are the details for your scheduled interview. I have also attached the job summary that was posted on the UK Jobs website as well as our Exceptional Benefits document which highlights UK's employee benefits.</i>	
<p>United Nations: We Can't Halt Climate Change Without Cutting Out Meat</p> <p>"The evidence is now unequivocal—we need to change our diets if we are to have a sustainable future."</p>	