

Model I

argumentative, expository, narrative

Level of Blending: The writing shows little or no evidence of blending genres (argumentative, expository, and/or narrative).

Prompt: Your city council is debating whether to enact a strict “no texting while driving” law in your city and has scheduled an open meeting during which citizens may share their thoughts on the proposed law. Using a blend of two or three writing genres (choose from expository, argumentative, narrative), write the text you would read to the council at the open meeting to present your thoughts on the proposed law. Integrate material from the two sources available to you with your own thoughts and/or experiences.

For the purpose of this example, the student response below was evaluated only on blending.

I do not think that texting and driving is a big deal I feel that if someone wants to be ignorant enough to risk their life and possibly others that is their choice. Rules and laws should not always change because people are getting in wrecks. If this is a free country you should be able to text and drive if you want and even if there is a law that says you cannot text or talk on the phone in a vehicle people are still going to do it no matter what, but surely it could help stop some wrecks and maybe save some lives but people break the law all the time how is a simple texting and driving law going to change their mind?

Argumentative  
Opinion

Expository  
Factual statement  
Argumentative  
Rhetorical question

The best thing for people to do that have lost loved ones in an accident due to texting a driving and people who are just really against it, is just encourage teens and even adults that it is a bad idea and there have been many innocent people that have been seriously hurt or killed from texting and driving. People can help each other realize that it is a bad idea to text or call and drive and if they do not they will unfortunately have to learn the hard way. We do not need to punished for texting and driving if someone decided to that is their own ignorance.

Argumentative  
Opinion

Expository  
Factual statement

Argumentative  
Opinion

Little or no evidence of blending genres: Writing is little more than a listing of opinions.