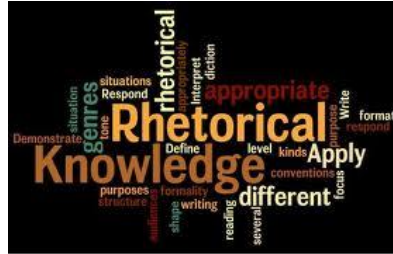


## Module: The Writing Process

### Understanding the Four Major Purposes for Writing



**Purpose** is the goal or aim of a piece of writing: to express oneself, to provide information, to persuade, or to create a literary work. There are four purposes writers use for writing. When someone communicates ideas in writing, they usually do so to express themselves, inform their reader, to persuade a reader or to create a literary work. In college, we mostly rely on two purposes for composition style writing, and those are to inform or to persuade the audience.

