Lecture: RHETORICAL MODES

College Writing Skills calls them “9 Types of Essay Development.”

1. **Description** -- giving a verbal picture *using space order*

2. **Narration** -- telling about an event *using time order*

   **Expository writing** -- explaining (used in an academic setting)

3. **Cause/Result** -- explaining *reasons and effects*

4. **Comparison/Contrast** -- showing *similarities/differences* between two people, concepts, things

5. **Definition** -- *explaining* a term/concept using examples, etc.

6. **Division/Classification** -- like comparison/contrast, but considering more than two items (e.g. *many* types of cars)

7. **Examples** -- *illustrating* (usually used within other essay types)

8. **Process** -- explaining how to… (often chronological, like narration; often used in science classes, e.g. for lab reports)

9. Argumentation -- used most often in academic writing