Mount Malindig Articles: A Textual Analysis

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Abstract: The study was conducted primarily to determine the articles written about Mount Malindig, its authors and its similarities and differences with regards to their content, mechanics and type of article.

There are two major objectives that were analyzed in the study. The researcher analyzed the text of the articles especially the grammar, punctuation etc. Likewise, the researcher also determined which type the article fell under.

A descriptive type of research was used in this study. The locale was Marinduque State College where the researcher conducted her study. The researcher's subject of the study was the articles and she did not provide any respondents.

Based on the findings, majority of the articles was written with appropriate grammar and etc. And also the researcher was able to determine which type of article it belongs.

Key Words: Mount Malindig, Textual Analysis, Content, Mechanics, Type of Article

1. INTRODUCTION

Marinduque is a mix of elevated volcanic peak, idyllic towns and ocean scenery that is why many tourist love to explore its beauty. The best example of this is Mount Malindig (formerly called Mount Marlangga) a potentially active volcano in part because of the sulfuric/solfataric springs of Malbog. The mountain is the largest on the island and the most popular climb and hike for mountaineers and alike, known for its unique biodiversity. It is around the jurisdiction of barangays of Buenavista (Sihi, Bagacay, Bicas-bicas, Yook and Tungib-lipata) and Torrijos (Cawayanan,Malibago and Dampulan). Due to its height of 1,157 meters above sea level or 3, 796 feet, by law it has been identified as a protected area.

This dormant-type volcano is the highest peak of the island that is why articles were written about this. These articles were published and had been uploaded in the internet for public viewing. With this, the researcher collected those articles and identified their types and contents.

The writers or the authors of the chosen articles were those people who had experienced climbing Mount Malindig. Usually, these authors travel in packs in order for them to witness the amazing beauty of the highest peak in Marinduque.

The three articles chosen were analyzed finding their similarities and differences in terms of Content, Mechanics and Type of Article.

2. CONTENT

The first, second and third article was written based on the author's personal experiences and they also considered the interests of their readers. The researcher noticed that there are some opinions that the authors used regarding their strength and weaknesses and even some of their secrets.

3. MECHANICS

In the first article, the researcher noticed some errors when it comes to the use of Punctuation marks and contractions. For example, "He was like I can't do this, I feel dizzy, I can't reach the top you can go ahead just leave me behind. hahaha Of course I can't leave him behind and I know he can do it."

The researcher also noticed that the author used improper language like in the sentence "After the uber tiring and fun experience oh boy you can't blame us for feeling famished."

In the second article, the researcher noticed few errors in the use of punctuation marks. It is either the author forgets to put a comma in a very long sentence or he thought that his readers will read it without pausing. Other than that, the rest of the article was very well written.

In the third article, there are so many errors when it comes to the use of Nouns as if it is countable or not. Instead of using the sentence "This travel blog gives you a rich information of the Philippines ranging from its peaks, countryside and the urban areas." Consider this one "This travel blog gives you rich information of the Philippines ranging from its peaks, countryside and urban areas." The next one is the use of the word "juxtaposely". The researcher looked for its meaning in the dictionary even in the internet but she was not able to find answers.

4. TYPE OF ARTICLE

The first and the second articles are considered as a narrative type of article for it was written as if the writers were telling a story or an experience. Both of the articles are short but full of information regarding the mountain.

The third article is considered as a half narrative, informative and backgrounder type of article. It is because this article consists of background information about Mount Malindig as well as informing the public of what and where to go and also telling a story about their experiences climbing Mount Malindig.

5. CONCLUSIONS

As presented in the previous part, the first and second article has the same content which is written from personal experiences of the authors. However, the third article is also written based on a personal experience but it has some information that the two articles do not have which are the background and also the itinerary of the place. When it comes to the mechanics, the researcher found few errors in the first article mostly on the contractions and the use of punctuation marks while in the second article the author forgets to put punctuation marks especially in very long sentences. While in the third article, the researcher found errors mostly with the use of nouns. Hence, these articles belong to the same type but one of them has two other types of articles in it.

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