

Literary Analysis

DESCRIPTION IN NONFICTION

Authors of both fiction and nonfiction rely on the same basic methods of **description**:

- describing a person’s physical appearance
- quoting a person or describing his or her actions
- reporting what others say or think about the person
- making direct comments about a person

Directions In the chart, record examples of each method of description Burney uses to describe the king. An example has been done for you.

Method	Example
Describing physical appearance	“I looked up, and met all his wonted benignity of countenance, though something still of wildness in his eyes.” (lines 68–69)
Quoting a person or describing actions	
Reporting what others say or think	
Making direct comments	