Key features of Pepys *Diary*

Diary Genre

Ellipsis due to speed of composition and not having to explain certain things fully.

Chronological structure and date headings.

References not explained because audience is ostensibly on Pepys himself and he will already understand.

Long rambling sentences partly due to spontaneous mode of composition.

First person.

**Examples:**

Purpose to inform and record events

Use of proper nouns to refer to people and places.

Use of adjectives to describe.

Use of ‘so’ and ‘and’ to record sequences of events.

**Examples:**

Historical context:

Archaic (old-fashioned) lexis

Archaic grammatical constructions

Words and references which convey a sense of a different set of attitudes and values (around status and hierarchy, religion).

**Examples:**

Context of Pepys as a serious writer who has an eye to posterity and wants to use the diary for literary practice, often in order to make the historical account more vivid, engaging and effective.

Metaphor and symbolism

**Examples:**