

Genre Overview

Fiction	
Genre	Definition
Fantasy	A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. Make-believe is what this genre is all about.
Realistic Fiction	A story using made-up characters that could happen in real life.
Mystery	A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.
Traditional Literature	Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales , and myths from different cultures.
Historical Fiction	A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.
Science Fiction	A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.)

Nonfiction	
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Informational	Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.)
Biography	The story of a real person's life written by another person.
Autobiography	The story of a real person's life that is written by that person.

Other Genre	
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Poetry	Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning.