

Genre Overview

Fiction - writing that is <u>not</u> true		
Genre	Definition	Example
Fantasy	a story including elements that are impossible, such as magic or talking animals	<u>Harry Potter</u> <u>The Red Pyramid</u>
SCIENCE FICTION	a type of fantasy that deals with science, technology, and the future (robots, time travel, aliens, futuristic societies)	<u>The Hunger Games</u> <u>Flowers for Algernon</u>
TRADITIONAL LITERATURE	cultural stories passed down through generations by word of mouth folktales, legends, tall tales, myths, fairy tales	<u>Cinderella</u> <u>Paul Bunyan</u>
Realistic Fiction	a story using made-up characters and events could really happen	<u>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</u> <u>Shooting Kabul</u>
Historical Fiction	a made-up story that takes place in a particular time in the past setting may be real; characters may be based on real people	<u>Nightjohn</u> "Bargain"
MYSTERY	suspenseful story about a puzzling event, such as a crime or murder puzzling event is solved at the end of the story	<u>Sherlock Holmes</u> <u>Theodore Boone</u>

NON-FICTION - WRITING THAT IS TRUE		
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Biography	the story of a real person's life written by another person	George Washington Edgar A. Poe
Autobiography	the story of a real person's life written by that person	<u>Night</u> <u>Monster: Auto of a</u> <u>Gang Member</u>
Informational Text	texts that provide facts about a variety of topics	Atlas Newspaper Encyclopedia

OTHER		
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P O E T R Y	written to create emotion or tell a story often has imagery, figurative language, rhythm, and rhyme	<u>A Light in the Attic</u> <u>"The Raven"</u>
Drama	usually for theatrical performances where conflicts and emotions are expressed through dialogue	<u>Les Miserables</u>
Classic	a story that has stayed popular throughout time representation of the time period in which it was written universal appeal	<u>To Kill a Mockingbird</u> <u>Tom Sawyer</u>