

Genre List

Fiction

Genre	Definition
Traditional Literature	Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This writing includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales and myths from different cultures.
Fantasy	A story with elements that are impossible such as magical powers or talking animals. Fantasy stories are make believe.
Science Fiction	A fantasy story that uses technology and science (such as time machines, robots or aliens)
Realistic Fiction	A story that has made-up characters with events that could happen in real life.
Historical Fiction	A fictional story that takes place during a time period in the past. The setting is real but the characters are often made up.
Mystery	A story about a puzzling event that is full of suspense. The mystery is solved at the end of the story.

Nonfiction

Genre	Definition
Informational	A text that gives facts about a topic (sports, animals, science, history, weather, space, geography, etc.)
Biography	A text that is written about a real person and includes facts about their life. It is written by another person.
Autobiography	A text that is written about a real person and includes facts about their life. It is written by another person.

Other Genre

Poetry	Poetry is a piece of writing that has been written to encourage the reader to have thoughts and feelings. It can use rhyme.
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