

TEXT GENRES

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LITERARY	
Fiction	<p><u>Realistic Fiction</u>: untrue but could happen. Based in the modern era.</p> <p><u>Historical Fiction</u>: fiction that is based on historical events or people. Although some facts may be true, most of the story is fictionalized.</p> <p><u>Fantasy</u>: an untrue story that could never be real: it is usually characterized by dragons, unicorns, wizards, talking animals, etc. It is different from science fiction because it is not based on science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Science Fiction</u>: an untrue story based on a scientific element, such as space exploration, medical experiments, robots, etc.) <p><u>Traditional</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Myth</u>: grew out of early people's need to explain the world around them e.g. creation myths. • <u>Legend</u>: like myth except always has a hero. • <u>Fable</u>: a short narrative that usually ends in a moral or lesson. Characters are animals that often act like humans. • <u>Folktale</u>: traditional stories of people passed down orally e.g. fairy tales. You do not usually know the author. • <u>Tall Tale</u>: exaggeration is the main feature e.g. Paul Bunyon and Johnny Appleseed.
Literary Nonfiction	<p><u>Biography</u>: a true account of someone's life. It is written by someone other than the subject of the biography.</p> <p><u>Autobiography</u>: a true account of someone's life written by that person.</p>
Poetry	<p><u>Narrative poem</u>: tells a story.</p> <p><u>Lyrical Poem</u>: consists of a poem, such as a sonnet or an ode, that expressed the thoughts and feelings of the poet. Does not tell a story.</p> <p><u>Humorous Poem</u>: a funny poem.</p> <p><u>Free Verse</u>: does not use consistent meter, pattern, or rhyme.</p>

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