



Literature Genre Review

Genre	Definition	Popular Titles	Similarities
<i>Fantasy</i>	Uses magic and other supernatural occurrences as a primary element of plot, theme or setting. Many works within the genre take place in fictional worlds where magic is common.		
<i>Science Fiction</i>	Uses scientific concepts as a primary element of plot, theme or setting. Many of these books are set in the future with new innovations in science and technology.		
Realistic Fiction	The events, people and/or places might be real, but the narrative is fiction. Realistic fiction can appear to the reader to be something that is actually happening or could actually happen.		
HISTORICAL FICTION	These stories take places in the past. These narratives can contain actual settings and historical figures. However main characters, dialogue and the story line are made up.		
<i>Traditional Literature</i>	Stories that were passed down from one group to another. These stories were told orally and written down at a later day. Fairy tales, folk tales, legends and myths are classified in this genre.		
Informational	These texts are written to provide information about a variety of real life topics, such as sports, animals, science and space.)		

BIOGRAPHIES	Biographies are texts written about a real person's life by another person		
Drama/Plays	Narratives written for the purpose of performing on the stage. The texts are made up primarily of dialogue, with stage directions to let the actors know how to behave on stage.		
Poetry	Works of literature that are written in verse form rather than complete sentence form. Traditional poetry follows strict rules, while free verse poetry has no rules at all.		
Memoirs	Narratives about a real person, written by the person the text is about. Memoirs only cover a specific experience or time period in the person's life.		
AUTOBIOGRAPHY	Text written by an author about their own life. Autobiographies cover events spanning the author's entire life.		

Key to write on the board:

Purple check: FICTION

Green check: NONFICTION

Blue check: May contain real characters and real situations

Yellow Check: May contain made up characters and made up situations

Red Check: may contain made up characters in real situations