

# Genre Overview

## Fiction (made up story)

<i>Genre</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Fantasy	A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. <b>Make-believe</b> 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 or crime that is not solved until the end of the story.
Fairy & Folk Tales	Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This includes <b>folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths</b> 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, aliens, etc.)

## Nonfiction (facts, information)

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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.
Drama	Also called a play or reader's theater. Includes a list of characters. Shows character's name and words spoken without use of quotation marks. Uses stage directions to tell characters' movement, feelings, and how the words are spoken.