

Genre Notes



Modern Fantasy: Major events could not actually happen, but the setting is usually realistic. Characters solve the problems by magical strategies, but act in realistic ways

Contemporary Realistic Fiction: Characters behave in realistic ways, contains a plot that makes sense, modern day setting is recognizable and ends with a solution.

Mystery: Characters are involved in a basic problem or puzzle containing a realistic setting, clues, and distractions. The story ends with a realistic solution.

Science Fiction: A story that takes place in the future, may or may not be on earth, and the problem is solved using scientific data.

Autobiography: A story written about one's own life where the writer is the main character.

Biography: True story of a real person written by someone who has a great deal of knowledge about the individual.

Folk Literature: There is no single author, contains "all good" or "all bad" characters, and is intended to teach a simple lesson.

Historical Fiction: Characters may be real or fiction, conflict is evident, and it takes place in a real and definite period in history.

Poetry: Plays with sounds and rhythms of words to create images.

Informational Report: Focus and support on a specific subject, organizes facts, uses examples, explanations, and descriptions