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The word **genre** means type or kind. We use genres as a system to classify books by their common characteristics.

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There are 4 **main genres**:

- Fiction  
- Nonfiction  
- Poetry   
- Drama

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| **Fiction:** Writing that is made up; fake | | |
| **Type of Fiction** | **Definition** | **Examples** |
| ***Traditional Literature*** | Stories that are passed down from one group to another. This includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales and myths from different cultures. |  |
| ***Realistic Fiction*** | A story using made up characters that could happen in real life. |  |
| ***Mystery*** | A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story. |  |
| ***Fantasy*** | A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. |  |
| ***Historical Fiction*** | A fictional story involving historical events or people. |  |
| ***Science Fiction*** | A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, futuristic settings). |  |
| **Non-Fiction:** Writing that is based in fact; true | | |
| **Type of Nonfiction** | **Definition** | **Examples** |
| ***Informational*** | Texts that provide facts on a topic |  |
| ***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 |  |
| ***Memoir*** | Short account of an author’s experience |  |

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| **Drama:** writing intended for theatre/ to be acted out. Drama has a cast of characters, dialogue and stage directions. | | |
| **Types of Drama** | **Definition** | **Examples** |
| ***Tragedy*** | A depressing or sad play usually ends on a low note. |  |
| ***Comedy*** | A funny or humorous play usually with a lighthearted tone. |  |

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| **Poetry:** has unique form and structure and is made up of lines and stanzas. It often uses figurative language, rhythm and rhyme to help convey meaning. | | |
| **Types of Poetry** | **Definition** | **Examples** |
| ***Narrative*** | A poem that tells a story and has all the elements of plot. |  |
| ***Haiku*** | A ­­­­­three line Japanese poem of seventeen syllables that follows the pattern 5-7-5. |  |
| ***Free Verse*** | An open form of poetry, it does not typically have a pattern or rhyme scheme. |  |

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|  | A story including elements that are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** such as talking animals or magical powers. |  |
|  | A fictional story involving **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. |  |
|  | A type of fantasy that uses **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (robots, time machines, futuristic settings). |  |

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|  | Texts that provide **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on a topic |  |
|  | The story of a real person’s life written by­ **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |
|  | The story of a real person’s life that is written by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |
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