

Mystery-

The characters are usually fictional but they behave in realistic ways. There is a problem that needs to be solved. A mystery may have a detective or a spy as a main character. Clues are used by characters to find a solution to the mystery.

Biographies-

A biography is a book of true stories about the life of a real person. The author is a different person than the book is written about. The person in the biography can be dead or alive. The author describes how the person affected others.

Fantasy-

A fiction story where there is a struggle between good and evil. Often times, there is magic. The characters or objects do things that couldn't happen in real life. Creatures may be in the story that don't exist in life.

Poetry-

It usually touches your feelings. It may or may not be written with rhymes. They are often read aloud.

Fables-

They are short stories with animal characters that act like humans. There is a lesson or moral to be learned from each story.

Myths-

They take place before people were on earth. They try to explain things.

Realistic Fiction-

The characters behave in realistic ways. There is usually a problem or conflict to be solved. The setting is in modern times.

Historical Fiction-

Some characters may be real and others are fictional. The story takes place during a period in history. Real events from history are mixed with fictional events. Characters may speak in a way that represents the time period.

Science Fiction-

These stories are written with future ideas such as space travel and new technology. The characters are fictional. A problem is usually solved using science.

Non-fiction-

These books provide true facts and information about different subjects. They may include charts and graphs.

Fairy Tales-

The characters are make believe. There may be magic. They often begin with "Once upon a time" and end with "they lived happily ever after." Good usually versus evil.

Reference-

These books provide true facts and information. Some examples include: dictionary, almanac, atlas, thesaurus, and encyclopedia.