

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

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Reading, Reading, Reading,


I refuse it never!

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makes me very clever!



- A house without books is like a garden without flowers... like a body without a soul...




Genres of Literature

FICTION



NONFICTION



All categories of books or stories can be called either fiction or non-fiction.

Fiction

- a made up story
- can tell about things that *could* happen
- is read for fun
- characters may be like real people or imaginary

Non-Fiction

- has facts that can be checked and proven
- the author is an expert on this information
- it IS TRUE!

TYPES OF NONFICTION:



- Narrative Nonfiction - information based on fact that is presented in a format which tells a story.
- Essay - a short literary composition that reflects the author's outlook or point. A short literary composition on a particular theme or subject, usually in prose and generally analytic, speculative, or interpretative.



- **Biography** - a written account of another person's life.
- **Autobiography** - the history of a person's life, written or told by that person. Often written in Narrative form of their person's life.
- **Speech** - the faculty or power of speaking; oral communication; ability to express one's thoughts and emotions by speech, sounds, and gesture. Generally delivered in the form of an address or discourse.



TYPES OF FICTION:

- Drama - genre of literature that's subject for compositions is dramatic art in the way it is represented. This genre is stories composed in verse or prose, usually for theatrical performance, where conflicts and emotion are expressed through dialogue and action.
- Poetry - verse and rhythmic writing with imagery that evokes an emotional response from the reader. The art of poetry is rhythmical in composition, written or spoken. This genre of literature is for exciting pleasure by beautiful, imaginative, or elevated thoughts.





- **Fantasy** - the forming of mental images with strange or other worldly settings or characters; fiction which invites suspension of reality.
- **Humor** - the faculty of perceiving what is amusing or comical. Fiction full of fun, fancy, and excitement which meant to entertain. This genre of literature can actually be seen and contained within all genres.
- **Fable** - a story about supernatural or extraordinary people Usually in the form of narration that demonstrates a useful truth. In Fables, animals often speak as humans that are legendary and supernatural tales.
- **Fairy Tale** or wonder tale - a kind of folktale or fable. Sometimes the stories are about fairies or other magical creatures, usually for children.



- **Science Fiction** - a story based on impact of potential science, either actual or imagined. Science fiction is one of the genres of literature that is set in the future or on other planets.
- **Short Story** - fiction of such briefness that is not able to support any subplots.
- **Realistic Fiction** - a story that can actually happen and is true to real life.
- **Folklore** - songs, stories, myths, and proverbs of a person of "folk" that was handed down by word of mouth. Folklore is a genre of literature that is widely held, but false and based on unsubstantiated beliefs.



- **Historical Fiction** - a story with fictional characters and events in a historical setting.
- **Horror** - an overwhelming and painful feeling caused by literature that is frightfully shocking, terrifying, or revolting. Fiction in which events evoke a feeling of dread in both the characters and the reader.
- **Tall Tale** - a humorous story with blatant exaggerations, swaggering heroes who do the impossible with an here of nonchalance.
- **Legend** - a story that sometimes of a national or folk hero. Legend is based on fact but also includes imaginative material.
- **Mystery** - a genre of fiction that deals with the solution of a crime or the unraveling of secrets. Anything that is kept secret or remains unexplained or unknown.



- **Mythology** - a type of legend or traditional narrative. This is often based in part on historical events, that reveals human behavior and natural phenomena by its symbolism; often pertaining to the actions of the gods. A body of myths, as that of a particular people or that relating to a particular person.
- **Fiction in Verse** - full-length novels with plot, subplots, themes, with major and minor characters. Fiction of verse is one of the genres of literature in which the narrative is usually presented in blank verse form.



**"So many books, so
little time..."**

Frank Zappa