



Genres



# 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



# Realistic Fiction

- a story using made up characters but could happen in real life



# Mystery

- a suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the story's resolution (end)



# Fantasy

- a story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers



# Science Fiction

- a type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.) or futuristic settings
- Dystopian science fiction - a story where society is characterized in a manner unlike current conditions (extreme poverty, epidemic illness, catastrophic natural disaster, war)



# Traditional Literature

- stories that are passed down from one group to another in history (folk tales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, myths)



# Drama

- a story made to be performed  
(a play)



# Nonfiction

- texts that are factual or share details about real events and people (past or present)
- biography - story of a real person's life written by another person
- autobiography - story a real person's life written by that person



- memoir - a type of autobiography that focuses on the development of the writer's personality
- informational - texts providing facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.)



# Poetry

- verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader
- often uses rhyme and rhythm
- free verse - unrhymed poetry