

READING GENRES

FANTASY



a story that is not possible and may include talking animals or magical powers



MYSTERY



a suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story



SCIENCE FICTION



a type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time travel, machines)

REALISTIC FICTION



a story that uses fictional characters, but could happen



POETRY



verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader; it often uses rhythm and rhyme

INFORMATIONAL



texts that provide facts about a variety of topics

AUTOBIOGRAPHY



the story of a real person's life that is written by that person

BIOGRAPHY



the story of a real person's life that has been written by another person

HISTORICAL FICTION



a fictional story that takes place in a specific time period; often the setting is real, but the characters are made up



TRADITIONAL LITERATURE



stories that are passed down from one group to another; (includes fairy tales, folk tales, myths, fables and legends)