

Name Key

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Genre Notes

Poetry:

- Not written in prose; simply line by line
- Does not always follow standard conventions of English
- Topics are varied

Traditional Literature:

- Stories handed down through the years
- Examples: fables, myths, legends, folktales
- Originally orally shared then written
- Created the framework for today's fantasy genre

Realistic Fiction:

- Fictional stories that could really happen
- Settings are regular places
- Characters are regular/everyday people
- Plots are real world problems

Historical Fiction:

- Fictional stories set back in time with true historic events intertwined in the plot, setting, and characters
- Usually occur prior to the year 1970

- Examples:

Number the Stars, The Boy in Striped Pajamas, Old Yeller, The Book Thief

Fantasy:

- Fictional stories with "fantastic" characters, settings, and plots
- Characters may be Wizards, knights, princesses, talking animals
- Settings may be medieval times + magical places
- Plots often contain good vs. evil theme

Science Fiction:

- Fictional stories with futuristic themes, characters, settings, and plots
- More science/technology-based than fantasy stories
- Characters may be robots, scientists, aliens, or people
- Settings are usually in the future
- Plots can have elements of good vs. evil
- Alien invasion, time travel, evil scientist trying to take over

Mystery/Suspense:

- Fictional stories that contain a problem that must be solved
- Characters you can expect to see include detectives, criminals, victims
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- Settings often are police station, crime scenes, scary places
- Plots are problem-based or crime-based.

Informational:

- Nonfiction books, documents, articles, etc.
- This kind of reading can be found in documents,
- articles, newspapers, journals
- Topics covered can be anything (limitless)
- Ex: sports, animals, space, how to, etc.

Biography, Autobiography, Memoir:

- B: Books written about a person's life by another person
- A: Story of someone's life told by that person
- M: short memories about a time when
- a life lesson was learned

Others:

- horror
- graphic novels
- comics
- drama
- romance
- comedy

