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Genre Guide



Types of Fiction (writing that is <u>not</u> true)	Definition
Mystery	A suspenseful story with puzzling events and a problem that is not solved until the end of the story.
Fantasy	A story including elements that are impossible, like magical powers or talking animals.
Adventure	A story that is all about action, danger, and excitement.
Graphic Novel	A story that is told through pictures and dialogue, like a series of comic strips.
Humor	A story that is written to make the reader laugh.
Science Fiction	A type of fantasy that deals with science, technology, or the future.
Realistic Fiction	A story using made-up characters and events, but in a way that could really happen.
Historical Fiction	A made-up story that takes place in a particular time in the past; the setting may be real, or the characters may be based on real people.
Traditional Literature	Cultural stories that are passed down from one generation to another through history. This includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths.
Types of Nonfiction (writing that is true)	Definition
Informational	Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics.
Biography	The story of a real person's life written by another person.
Autobiography	The story of a real person's life written by that person.
Other Genres	Definition
Poetry	Written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses imagery, rhythm, and rhyme to help convey its meaning.
Drama	Written for theatrical performance in which the events of the story are expressed through dialogue.

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•Reading Challenge•



How many different types of books can you read?
Record the title and author for each book that you read.

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