

Genre Study Guide

Newspaper - a daily or weekly publication of current events

Folk Tale -anonymous, timeless, and placeless story that was originally told rather than written

Fiction - invented stories with imaginary characters and events

Reference / Information - Sources such as encyclopedias, yearbooks, directories and atlases

Science Fiction - Imaginative, fictional stories involving actual or projected scientific phenomena

Realistic Fiction - fictional story with characters who take part in activities that could have happened

Information - a book or article that introduces the reader to various topical material and "how to" information on subjects such as science, art, and specific craft projects

Mystery - fictional story with characters who try to solve a crime or an unexplained event

Play - a story for stage performed by actors

Biography - a person's life story written by another person

Historical Fiction - a fictional story set in the past with characters that take part in actual historical events and interact with real people from the past

Nonfiction - true stories of actual events or characters

Poetry - words arranged in metrical pattern often using rhymed verse in an imaginative style

Autobiography - a person's life story written by himself or herself

Fantasy / Fairy Tale - fictional story set in make-believe worlds, often with nonhuman characters