

Smart Chart: I know GENRES (ILS2B)

Genre	Definition	Example
Fiction	Fiction is writing based on imagination. Sometimes a fiction writer includes actual persons or places, but the story is not real.	
Realistic Fiction	Fiction that someone makes up but that is like what could happen in real life.	
Historical fiction	Historical fiction is fiction based on actual events or an imaginary situation at a time in history.	
Science-fiction	Science-fiction is impossible uses of science. It might be set in the future or outer-space. Sometimes it becomes a way people really use science.	
Tall Tale	Fiction that includes characters or events that are "larger than life".	
Mystery	A mystery is a piece of fiction that deals with puzzling events & suspenseful situations. Many mysteries involve characters attempting to solve crimes.	
Fable	A fable tells a story that teaches a lesson, or moral.	
Fantasy	Fantasy involves characters, situations, or settings that could not happen in life as we know it.	

Nonfiction	Nonfiction is a type of writing that is about real facts. It might be history or science or current events.	
Biography	A biography is a nonfiction report of someone's life.	
Auto-biography	An autobiography is an report of someone's life, told by that person.	

Poetry	Poetry is a type of writing that uses rhythm and sometimes rhyme to communicate ideas. It can be about a real topic, a feeling, or an imaginary situation. It can be adventure, history, science, or feelings.	
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Adventure	Adventure could be either fact or fiction. Adventure usually involves a hero or heroine who overcomes challenges to reach a goal.	
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