

Genre

Name _____

A **genre** is a collection, group or family of literary works with a similar theme or style. The following is a partial list.

Fiction

- Coming of Age fiction – fiction that focuses on young people discovering truths about themselves and their worlds
- Contemporary fiction – set in the modern world, usually with a realistic setting and realistic characters
- Fantasy – fiction in a made-up world that may or may not include realistic characters; frequently includes nonhuman characters with human qualities
- Historical fiction – realistic fiction set in an historic time period focusing on events and people who are based to some degree on what is known about that time period
- Magic realism – fiction that combines realistic characters and events with a few elements that are extraordinary but might exist in characters' perceptions and dreams
- Mystery – fiction that centers around a mystery or crime that must be solved
- Realistic fiction – fiction that is plausible (could possibly be true) with characters and events that are familiar
- Science fiction – fiction that includes elements of alternate technologies and explores possible futures

Nonfiction

- Autobiography
- Biography
- Diaries
- Essays
- Journals
- Letters
- History

Other

- Drama
- Poetry