

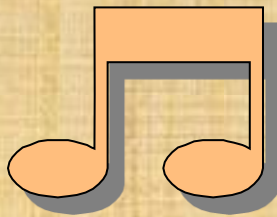
Literary



Genres

Genre

- The category or type of literature, music, art, TV show, movie, video game, etc.
- Think of iTunes: Search by genre



Basic Literary Genres

- **Fiction:**
 - a made-up or imagined story.
- **Non-fiction:**
 - an account of a subject which is presented as fact. This presentation may be accurate or not; that is, it can give either a true or a false account of the subject in question. It includes essays, articles, textbooks, manuals, encyclopedias, etc.



Contemporary Realistic Fiction

- Fiction that takes place in modern times and could actually be true.



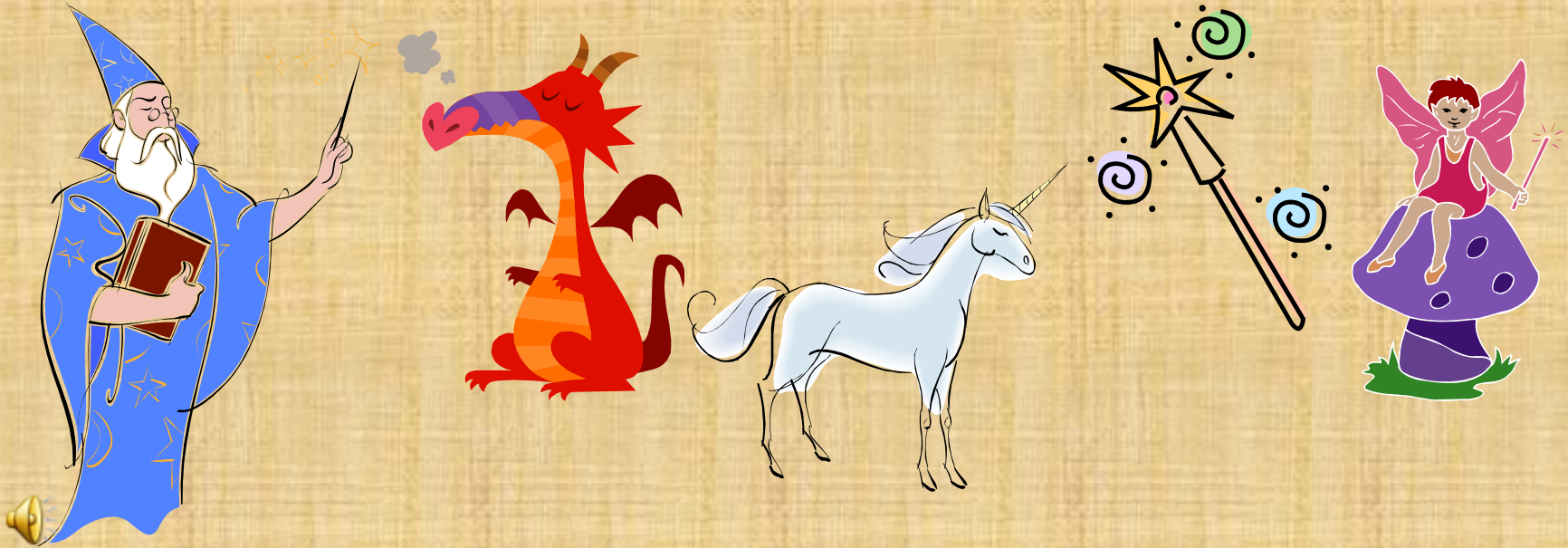
Historical Fiction

- Fiction that takes place in a different historical time period, includes historically accurate details and facts, and could actually be true.



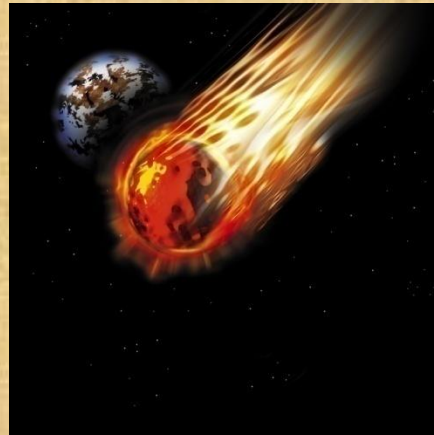
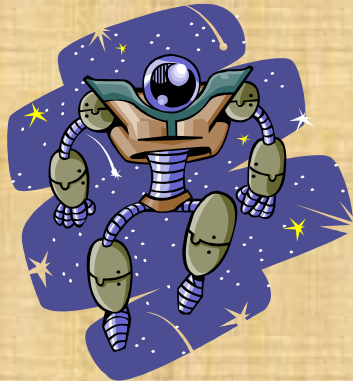
Fantasy

- Fiction that takes place in an invented world that has different laws of nature. Some elements include animals that speak, magic, dragons, unicorns, special powers, fairies, etc.



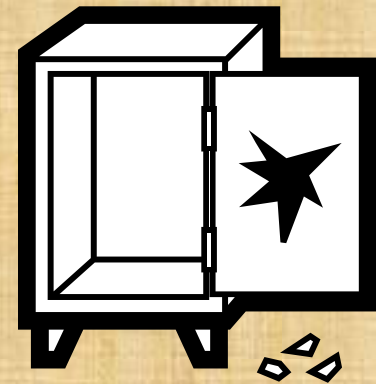
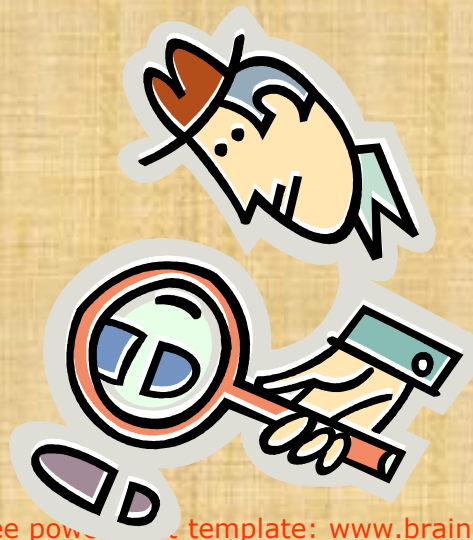
Science Fiction

- Fiction that lies between realistic fiction and pure fantasy. Sci-fi is usually based on scientific laws, the author's knowledge of technological possibilities, and the psychological nature of humans. Some sci-fi involves hard science such as space exploration, chemistry, or physics, while some sci-fi deals more with futuristic or dystopian societies.



Mystery

- Fiction that involves a suspenseful event, often a crime of some type. The reader uses clues from the story and gradually discovers who has committed the crime to solve the mystery by the end of the story: “Whodunnit?” Many mysteries include a sleuth, or detective, and a variety of suspects.



Horror

- Horror fiction is a story intended to scare, unsettle, or horrify the audience. It usually includes a supernatural, morbid, gruesome, surreal, or exceptionally suspenseful or frightening theme.



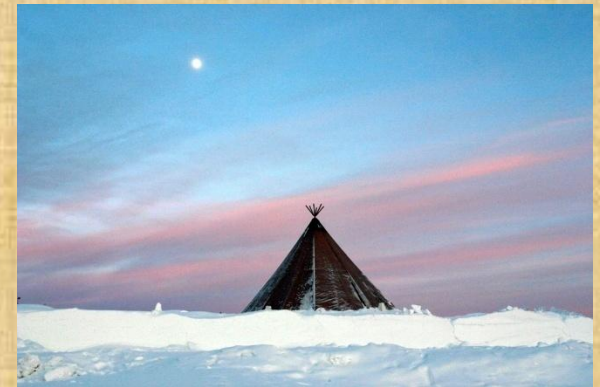
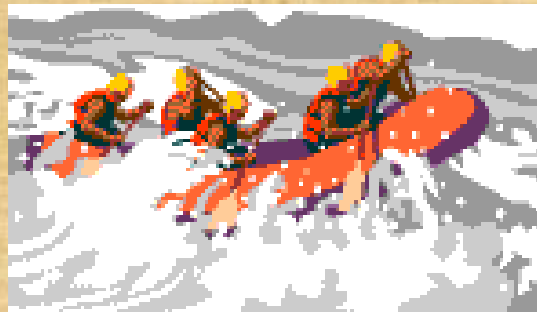
Thriller

- The thriller is characterized by fast pacing, frequent action, and resourceful heroes who must thwart the plans of more-powerful and better-equipped villains. There can be legal, crime, psychological, spy, or natural disaster thrillers.



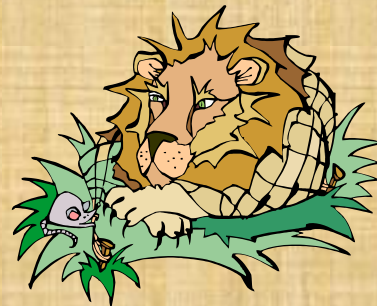
Survival/Adventure

- Fiction that includes a character who faces danger and must survive. The stories are filled with risks, suspenseful scenes, and thrilling moments.



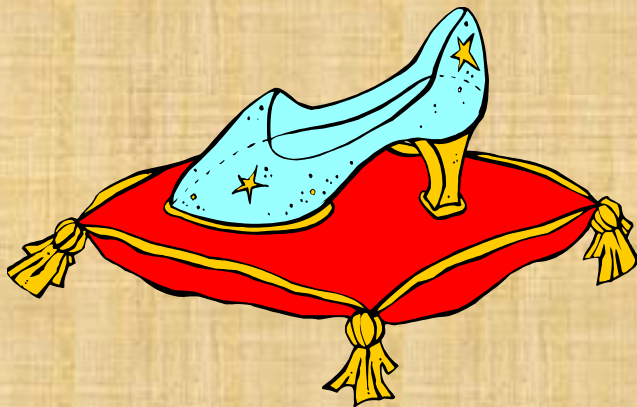
Folk Tale

- Folk tales are stories that have been passed down over the years by word of mouth. Many different cultures have folk tales with similar themes, motifs, and character types. Fairy tales, fables, tall tales, and myths are different types of folk tales.



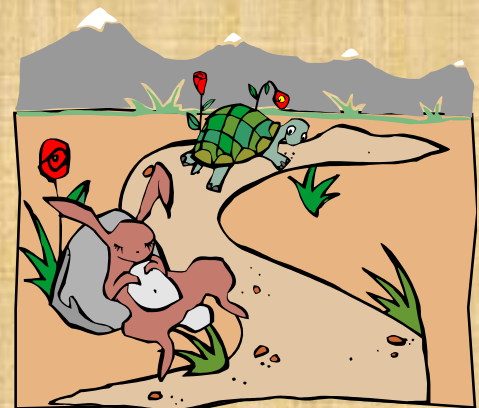
Folk Tale: Fairy Tale

- Fairy Tales are folktales that contain elements such as a “happy ending,” magic, elements that occur in 3’s such as wishes or siblings, riddles and disguises, and character types such as the wicked witch, handsome prince, and damsel in distress.



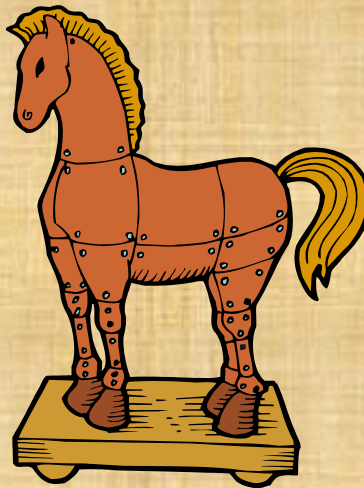
Folk Tale: Fable

- Fables are brief stories that teach a lesson or moral. The characters are usually animals, but they are given human characteristics. An example of a fable is "The Fox and the Grapes."



Folk Tale: Myth

- Myths are stories that serve to explain some phenomenon of nature, such as creation of the world, seasons, and weather. Many incorporate gods and goddesses within the story.



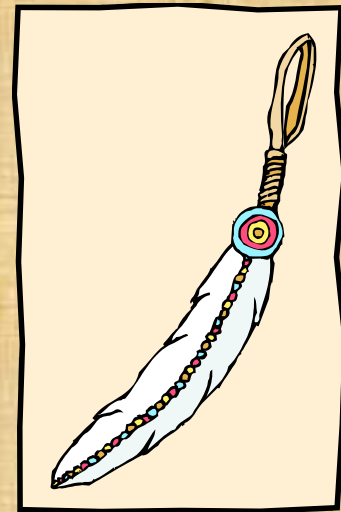
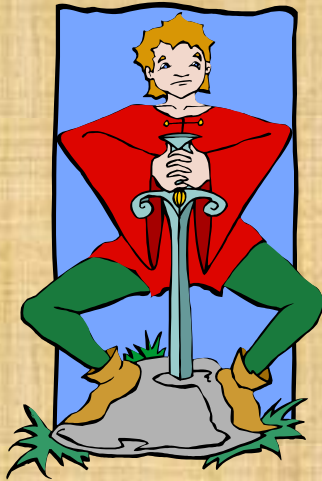
Folk Tale: Tall Tale

- Tall Tales are folktales that have a key element of exaggeration, such as Paul Bunyan.



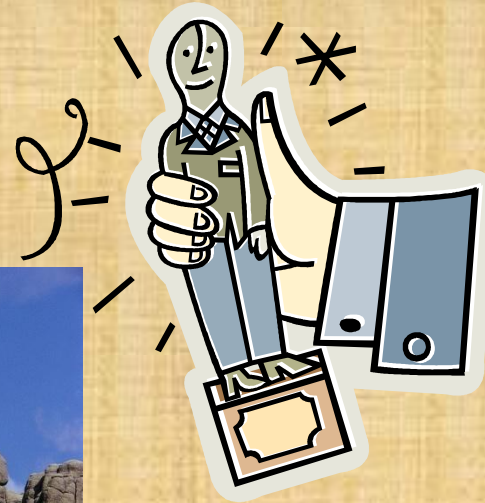
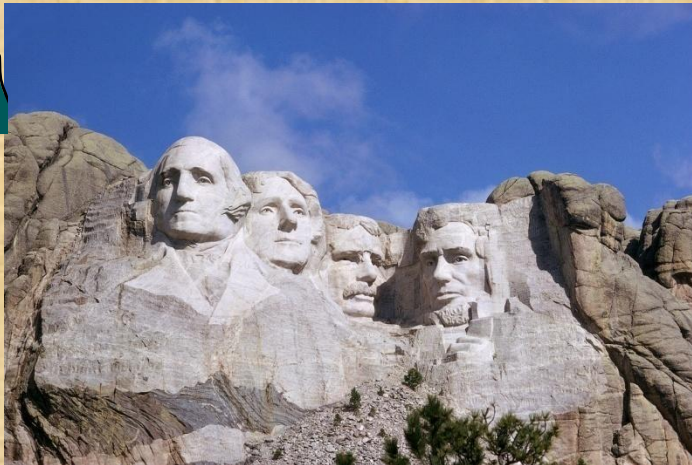
Legend

- Story, sometimes of a national or folk hero, which has a basis in fact but also includes imaginative material.



Biography

- Non-fiction that chronicles a person's life story but is written by another person.



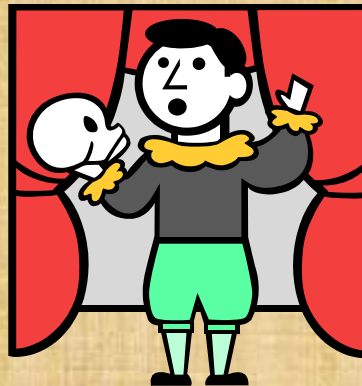
Memoir/Autobiography

- Non-fiction account of a person's life written by that person. It may include just one important event or it may include an entire life story.



Drama

- Fiction or non-fiction stories composed in verse or prose, usually for theatrical performance, where conflicts and emotion are expressed through dialogue and action. Most dramas can be classified as comedies or tragedies.



Humor

- Fiction or non-fiction full of fun, fancy, and excitement, meant to entertain; but can be contained in all genres.

