



Realistic Fiction

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Characters	Fictional characters who are believable. A main character who changes over time.
Plot	The main character must deal with a real-life problem. The main character changes over time.
Most important story element	Character
What readers will think about	How does the main character change over time? How does the main character overcome challenges? What are the main character's beliefs about right and wrong? How do the main character's circumstances impact his or her choices?

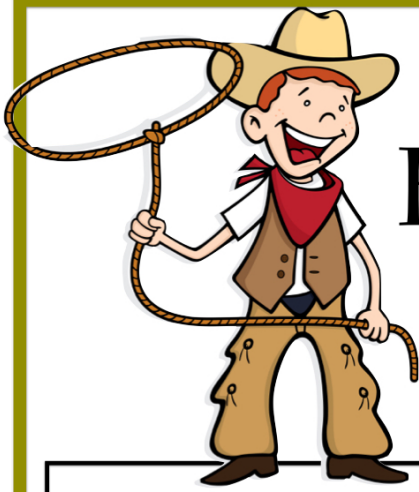




Realistic Fiction Mystery

Setting	A realistic or believable place. The story is typically set in the present time.
Characters	Fictional characters who are believable. The main character possesses qualities that allow him or her to solve a mystery. The main character's opinions about others change over time. Other characters will include suspects, witnesses, and a red herring.
Plot	The main character must deal with a real-life problem. The main character gathers clues to solve a mystery. The main character is often put in danger.
Most important story elements	Character Plot
What readers will think about	How does the main character's opinion of others change throughout the book? How does the main character overcome challenges? What are the main character's beliefs about right and wrong?





Historical Fiction

Setting	A real place that exists or existed in the past. The story is attached to a specific event or time in history.
Characters	Fictional characters who are believable in the context of the story's setting. Fictional characters who represent groups of people from history. Key players (real people from history) who are significant to the plot. A main character who changes over time.
Plot	The characters are impacted by actual circumstances and events of the story's setting. The main character changes over time.
Most important story elements	Character Setting
What readers will think about	How does the main character change over time? How does the main character overcome challenges? How do the main character's circumstances impact his or her choices? Which details in the story are facts, and which details in the story are fiction?



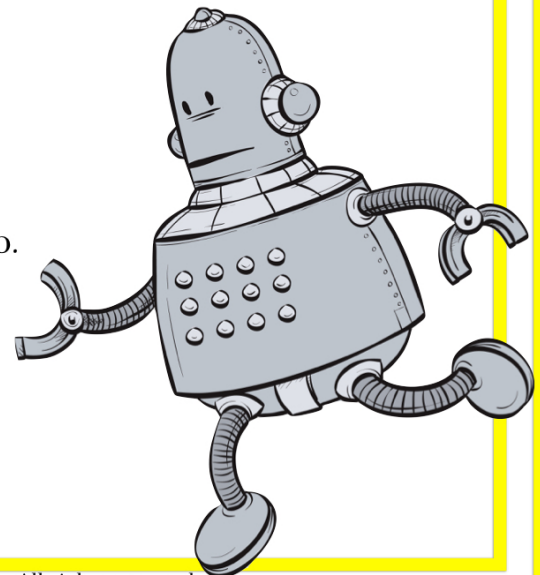


Science Fiction

Setting	A place that is believable based on what we currently know. The story typically takes place in the future. •An advanced Earth •A new Earth that has been restored after a widespread disaster •Outer space
Characters	Fictional characters who are believable. The main character possesses qualities of a hero.
Plot	The main characters seek to make the world “right” or better. A quest pattern is often found in this genre.
Most important story elements	Character Setting
What readers will think about	How is our current world alike or different from this future world? How does the main character change over time? Is this setting believable based on what we currently know?

Quest Pattern

1. The truth must be discovered and made known.
2. The hero begins a journey (literal or figurative) to discover the truth.
3. A series of tests reveal the hero.
4. Guardians test the hero, and helpers assist the hero.
5. The truth is exposed.

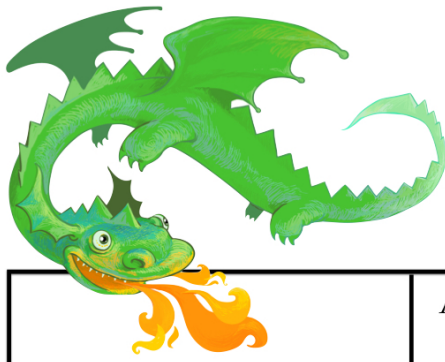




Fantasy Talking Animals

Setting	A realistic world (no magic). Time is relatively unimportant or nonexistent.
Characters	Animals are given human qualities in order to reveal human nature. Some characters are foolish, while other characters are wise. One character may prove to be the hero of the story, while another character may prove to be the villain of the story. A main character changes over time.
Plot	The main character must deal with a real-life problem. The main character changes over time.
Most important story element	Character
What readers will think about	How does the main character change over time? How do the characters reveal human nature?





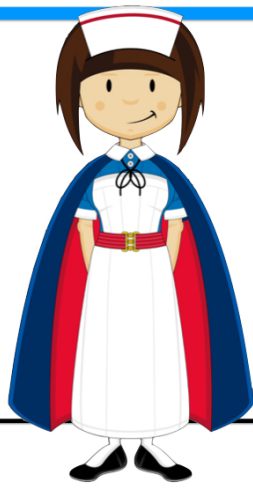
Epic Fantasy

Setting	A fantastical place. •A realistic world with fantastical elements •A fantastical world with realistic elements Time is relatively unimportant or nonexistent.
Characters	Fictional characters who are not necessarily believable. A main character who changes over time. The main character is a good or moral person. An unexpected hero is revealed.
Plot	The main character changes over time. There is tension between good and bad, right and wrong. A quest pattern is often found in this genre.
Most important story element	Character
What readers will think about	How does the main character change over time? How does the main character overcome challenges? What are the main character's beliefs about right and wrong?

Quest Pattern

1. A precious object must be found and possessed.
2. The hero begins a long journey to find it.
3. A series of tests reveals the hero.
4. Guardians test the hero, and helpers assist the hero.
5. Good overcomes evil.





Narrative Nonfiction

Biography/Autobiography

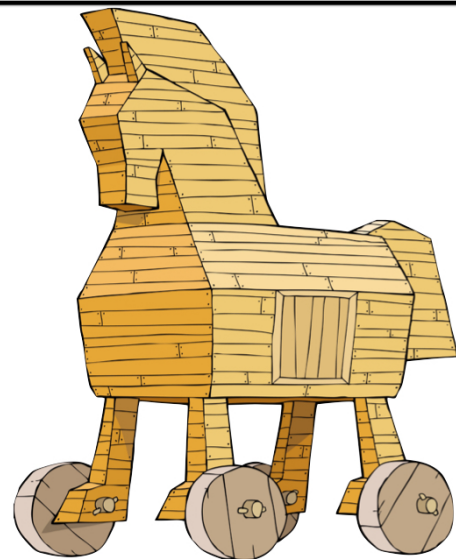
Setting	A real place that exists or existed in the past. The story begins in the past.
Characters	A biography tells about the life of a person the author believes to be important. An autobiography tells the story of the author's life. The people are real and may include family members, people of influence, and groups of people.
Plot	The story tells about a person's life and accomplishments. The story is told chronologically, typically from birth to present or death.
Most important story elements	Character Setting
What readers will think about	What is the significance of this person's life? How has this person overcome challenges? How have circumstances shaped this person's life?





Legend

Setting	A real place that exists or existed in the past. The story begins in the past.
Characters	A real person from history whose story has been embellished beyond the truth.
Plot	The story relates the person's life accomplishments, some of which have been embellished beyond truth. The story is told chronologically, typically from birth to present or death.
Most important story elements	Character Setting
What readers will think about	Which details are truthful, and which details have been exaggerated? What is the significance of this person's life? How do a person's circumstances shape his or her life?





Narrative Nonfiction

Historical Nonfiction

Setting	A real place that exists or existed in the past. The story takes place in the present or the past.
Characters	May include real groups of people, or categories of things, or ideas. May include key players who are significant to the story.
Plot	People are impacted by the circumstances and events of the story's setting.
Most important story elements	Character Setting
What readers will think about	How do a person's circumstances shape his or her life? What impact do events have on a group of people? What impact do events have on the world?





Informational Nonfiction

Place & Time	May or may not be present.
Categories	People / Places / Ideas / Things
Details & Facts	Organized in one or more of the following structures: - Description - Sequence - Compare & Contrast - Cause & Effect - Problem & Solution
Most important	The author's perspective / opinion / argument
What readers will think about	What the author tells or doesn't tell. What the author emphasizes or doesn't emphasize.

