

Reading Genres



**Books are divided
into two main
categories:**

Fiction and Nonfiction



FICTION

- ✓ A made up story
- ✓ Can tell about things that *could* happen
- ✓ Is read for fun
- ✓ Characters may be like real people or imaginary



NONFICTION

- ✓ **Has facts that can be checked and proven**
- ✓ **The author is an expert on this information**
- ✓ **Is read to gain information on a subject**
- ✓ **It is TRUE**



**Books are further divided
according to what they
have in common:**

**These are
called GENRES!**



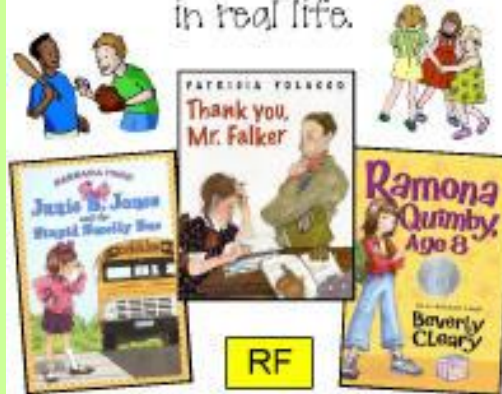
Fantasy

A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers.



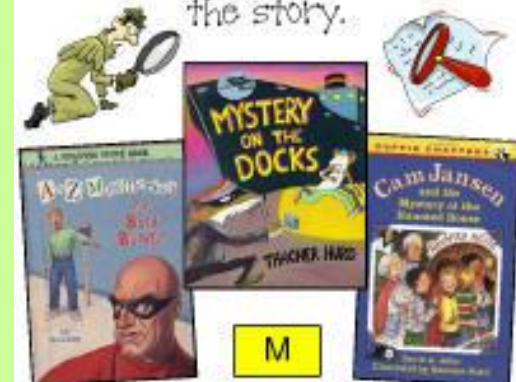
REALISTIC FICTION

A story using made-up characters but could happen in real life.



MYSTERY

A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.



Historical Fiction

A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.



Traditional Folktales

Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths from different cultures.



SCIENCE FICTION

A type of fantasy that uses science and technology. (robots, time machines, etc.)



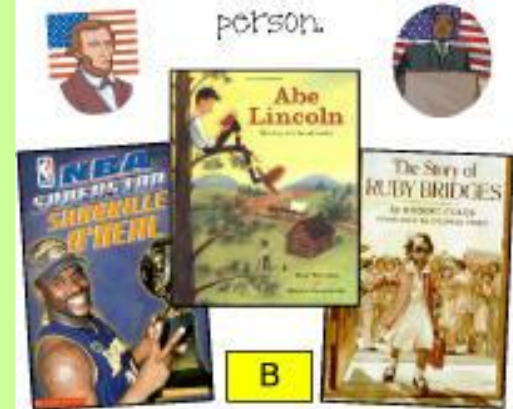
Informational

Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.)



BIOGRAPHY

The story of a real person's life written by another person.



Nonfiction Genres

Autobiography

The story of a real person's life that is written by that person.



Poetry

Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme.



Now let's play...
**NAME THAT
GENRE!**



GENRE #1

Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This genre includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths from different cultures.



GENRE #2

A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. “Make-believe” is what this genre is all about.



GENRE #3

A type of fantasy that uses science and technology, such as robots, time machines, etc.



GENRE #4

A story using made-up characters and events that could happen in real life.



GENRE #5

A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.



GENRE #6

A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.



GENRE #7

Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics, such as sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.



GENRE #8

**The story of a real person's life
written by another person.**



GENRE #9

**The story of a real person's life
that is written by that person.**



GENRE #10

This genre includes verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning.

