

# 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!**



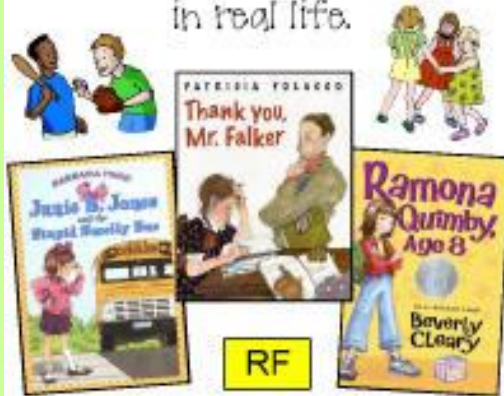
# Fantasy

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



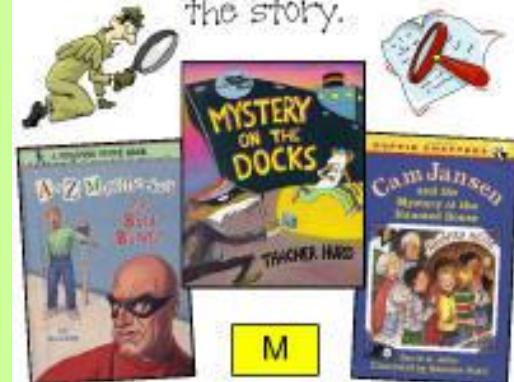
# REALISTIC FICTION

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.)



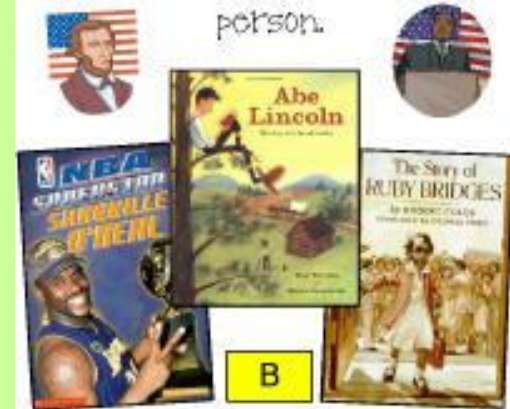
# Informational

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.**

