**CARD SORT**

Cut out the quotes and headers and place them in an envelope or zip-locked bag. Instruct students, in groups of 2-3, to match each quote to the genre they believe it fits with.

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| "There are certain queer times and occasions in this strange mixed affair we call life when a man takes this whole universe for a vast practical joke, though the wit thereof he but dimly discerns, and more than suspects that the joke is at nobody's expense but his own."— [**Herman Melville**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/1624.Herman_Melville) ([**Moby-Dick**](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7847.Moby_Dick)) | "I would prefer not to."— [**Herman Melville**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/1624.Herman_Melville) ([**Bartleby, the Scrivener: A Story of Wall Street**](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/114230.Bartleby_the_Scrivener)) | "The happiest man is he who learns from nature the lesson of worship."— [**Ralph Waldo Emerson**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/12080.Ralph_Waldo_Emerson) ([**Nature**](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3420140-nature)) |
| "If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile."— [**Ralph Waldo Emerson**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/12080.Ralph_Waldo_Emerson) ([**Nature and Selected Essays**](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/123853.Nature_and_Selected_Essays)) | “For it matters not how small the beginning may seem to be: what is once well done is done forever.”― **Henry David Thoreau,** [**Civil Disobedience**](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/40809986) | "The universe is wider than our views of it."— [**Henry David Thoreau**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/10264.Henry_David_Thoreau) ([**Walden & Civil Disobedience**](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/116020.Walden_Civil_Disobedience)) |
| “His eye was like the eye of a vulture, the eye of one of those terrible birds that watch and wait while an animal dies, and then fall upon the dead body and pull it to pieces to eat it.”― **Edgar Allan Poe,** [**The Tell-Tale Heart**](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/19034527) | “I do know that for the sympathy of one living being, I would make peace with all. I have love in me the likes of which you can scarcely imagine and rage the likes of which you would not believe. If I cannot satisfy the one, I will indulge the other.”― **Mary Shelley,** [**Frankenstein**](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/4836639) |  |

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