

GENRE NOTES (MODEL NOTES)

Nonfiction

Autobiography: first person; author's life story; personal thoughts, feelings, and reflections; real events and experiences	Informational Writing: factual (no opinions); teaching or explaining; evidence, data, and examples
Biography: third person; subject's life events; research, interviews, and factual evidence; chronological order	Persuasive Essay: clear opinion or claim; logic, emotion, or ethics; opposing viewpoints; call to action

Fiction

Fantasy: magic, monsters, vampires, dragons, etc.
Historical Fiction: real time or place, real historical figure, made-up story
Realistic Fiction: could happen, but it is made up
Science Fiction: aliens, space or time travel, advanced technology

Folklore

Fable: short, talking animals, teaches a moral
Fairy Tale: talking animals, magic, often starts "Once upon a time" and ends "happily ever after"
Myth: gods and goddesses, explains the creation of something
Tall Tale: set in the Wild West, outrageous characters, humorous