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**Literature:**

* Written works
* Two major forms: prose and poetry
* Two major classifications: fiction and non-fiction

**Prose:**

* Written or spoken language in ordinary form

**Poetry:**

* Written or spoken language in metrical form with rhythm

**Fiction:**

* Describes imaginary events and people (Ex: fantasy novel)

**Non-Fiction:**

* Describes real events, people, and facts (Ex: biography)

**Genre:**

* A category in literature that has a particular style and content

**Fiction Genres:**

* Action & Adventure
* Classics
* Crime
* Dystopia
* Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, Legends & Mythology
* Fantasy
* Historical
* Horror
* Humour
* Mystery
* Romance
* Satire
* Science Fiction
* Sports
* Superheroes
* Thrillers
* War & Military
* Westerns

**Non-Fiction Genres:**

* Architecture
* Art
* Biography
* Body, Mind & Spirit
* Business & Economics
* Computers
* Cooking
* Crafts & Hobbies
* Drama
* Education
* Family & Relationships
* Foreign Languages
* Games
* Gardening
* Health
* History
* House
* Humour
* Languages
* Law
* Math
* Medical
* Music
* Nature
* Performing Arts
* Pets
* Philosophy
* Photography
* Poetry
* Political Science
* Psychology
* Reference
* Religion
* Science
* Self-Help
* Social Science
* Sports
* Technology
* Transportation
* Travel
* True Crime

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**Fiction Genre Definitions:**

* **Adventure** – action is the key element
* **Classics** – known for having outstanding qualities
* **Fairy Tales** – about magical and imaginary beings/lands
* **Legends** - a traditional story believed to be historical but not proven
* **Fantasy** – has strange settings/characters not from our world
* **Historical** – set in a specific period of history
* **Humour** – meant to entertain and cause laughter
* **Mystery** – elements remain unknown/unexplained until the end
* **Myths** - a story told to explain something in nature or [history](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History)
* **Satire** – criticizes [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/people) or [ideas](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/idea) in a [humorous](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/humorous) way
* **Science fiction** – story based on science, often set in the future/on other planets

**Non-Fiction Genre Definitions:**

* **Autobiography -** an account of a person's life written by that person
* **Biography** - an account of person’s life written by someone else
* **Memoir** - a collection of memories/stories about a person’s life