Fiction (Literature)

Genre Characteristics

1. **Realistic Fiction:** Setting in NOW
   - Stories that take place in modern times
   - Characters are involved in events that could happen

2. **Historical Fiction:** Setting is in the PAST
   - Stories centered around the basis of a partially historical situation
   - A novel set in a historical period

3. **Mystery:** A novel involving:
   - Strangeness
   - Solving a puzzling event or situation
   - Something unknown
   - Solving a crime
   - Centered around a person who investigates wrong doing
   - Centered around a person or persons employed to obtain secret information

4. **Fantasy:** Meant to entertain
   - Talking animals
   - Magical powers
   - Often set in a medieval universe
   - Possibly involving mythical beings

5. **Science Fiction:** Stories that often tell about science and technology
   - In the future
   - In space
   - On a different world, different universe or dimension

6. **Folklore:** Teaches theme, moral lesson, customs, or traditions
   - **Fairy Tale** – magical forces and beings
   - **Tall Tale** – a humorous folktale
   - **Myth** – considered sacred and explains how things came to be
   - **Legend** – based on a real person or even but can’t be proven
## Reading Genre (NON-FICTION)

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