Genres of Literature - LA8 2018

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1.	**Two categories of genres**	● Fiction ● Nonfiction
2.	**Fiction**	● narrative - tells a story ● imaginary, invented - not real ○ not necessarily based on fact
3.	**Nonfiction**	● opposite of fiction ● factual
4.	**Genre**	● specific type of artistic composition ● musical or literary ● all pieces share characteristics
5.	**Biography**	(Non- fiction) ● account of another person's life ● in the form of a narrative, or story
6.	**Autobiography**	(Non- fiction) ● Account of a person's life ● written or told by that person. ● in form of a narrative, or story
7.	**Memoir**	(Non- fiction) ● like an autobiography ● but usu. focuses on a specific theme or part of the person's life ● usu. emphasizes thoughts and emotion ● Autobiography emphasizes events.
8.	**Narrative Nonfiction**	(Non- fiction) ● factual information on a specific topic ● narrative - told in the form of a story
9.	**Informational Nonfiction**	(Non- fiction) ● provides information on a subject ● offers opinions or hypotheses based on facts ● Examples of topics ○ an historical event ■ the Civil War ■ a single battle in a war ○ a type of animal ■ kangaroo ■ raptors ○ branch of science ■ biology ■ thermodynamics
10.	**Essays**	(Non- fiction) ● Short ● reflects the author's outlook or point ● Analyzes, speculates on or interprets a subject
11.	**Speech**	(Non- fiction) ● planned piece of oral communication ● conveys thoughts but also emotions ● uses speech and gesture ● usu. delivered to an audience specifically gathered to hear that speech
12.	**Realistic Fiction**	(Fiction) ● can actually happen ● true to real life
13.	**Historical Fiction**	(Fiction) ● fictional ○ characters ○ events ● real historical setting
14.	**Science Fiction**	(Fiction) ● based on potential impact of advance in science ○ actual or imagined ● usu. set in the imagined future ○ when a theoretical science is realized
15.	**Dystopian Fiction**	(Fiction) ● explores social and political problems, such as ○ overpopulation ○ violence ○ the loss of civil liberties ● setting - imaginary world ○ but has many realistic characteristics ● dark - meant to warn about the problem in the real world
16.	**Fantasy**	(Fiction) ● contains strange or other worldly ○ settings ○ characters ● invites suspension of reality
17.	**Fairy Tales**	(Fiction) ● kind of folktale or fable ● usu. has fairies or other magical creatures ● usu. for children.
18.	**Fable**	(Fiction) ● story ● about supernatural or extraordinary people ● usu. conveys a useful truth ○ moral ● characters often animals ○ speak ○ role is human

19.	**Mythology**	(Fiction) ● type of legend or traditional narrative ● often based in part on historical events ● reveals human behavior ● symbolizes natural phenomena ● often concerns actions of the god
20.	**Tall Tale**	(Fiction) ● humorous story ● obvious exaggeration ● swaggering heroes ○ do the impossible ○ act nonchalant (like it is no big deal)
21.	**Folklore**	(Fiction) ● songs, stories, myths, and proverbs ● handed down over centuries by word of mouth ● many think story is true ● but actually false or unsubstantiated
22.	**Legend**	(Fiction) ● based on ● national hero ● legend ● also includes imaginative material
23.	**Mystery**	(Fiction) ● deals with ○ solution of a crime ○ unraveling of secrets
24.	**Horror**	(Fiction) ● frightfully shocking, terrifying, or revolting ● events evoke a feeling of dread in both characters and reader
25.	**Drama**	(Fiction) ● written to be performed in a theater ● conflicts and emotion expressed in two ways ○ dialogue ○ action
26.	**Poetry**	(Fiction) ● goals ○ create an emotional response ○ convey imaginative or elevated thoughts ● often uses rhythm and imagery ● written in lines ○ not sentences or paragraphs ○ very purposeful lengths and endings
27.	**Short Story**	(Term used to describe the length of a piece of fiction) ● So brief ● Can contain no subplots ● few developed characters
28.	**Novel**	(Term used to describe the length of a piece of fiction) ● long ● develops many ○ characters ○ subplots ● chapters divide steps of action
29.	**Novella**	(Term used to describe the length of a piece of fiction) ● very short novels ● length limits # of characters, subplots