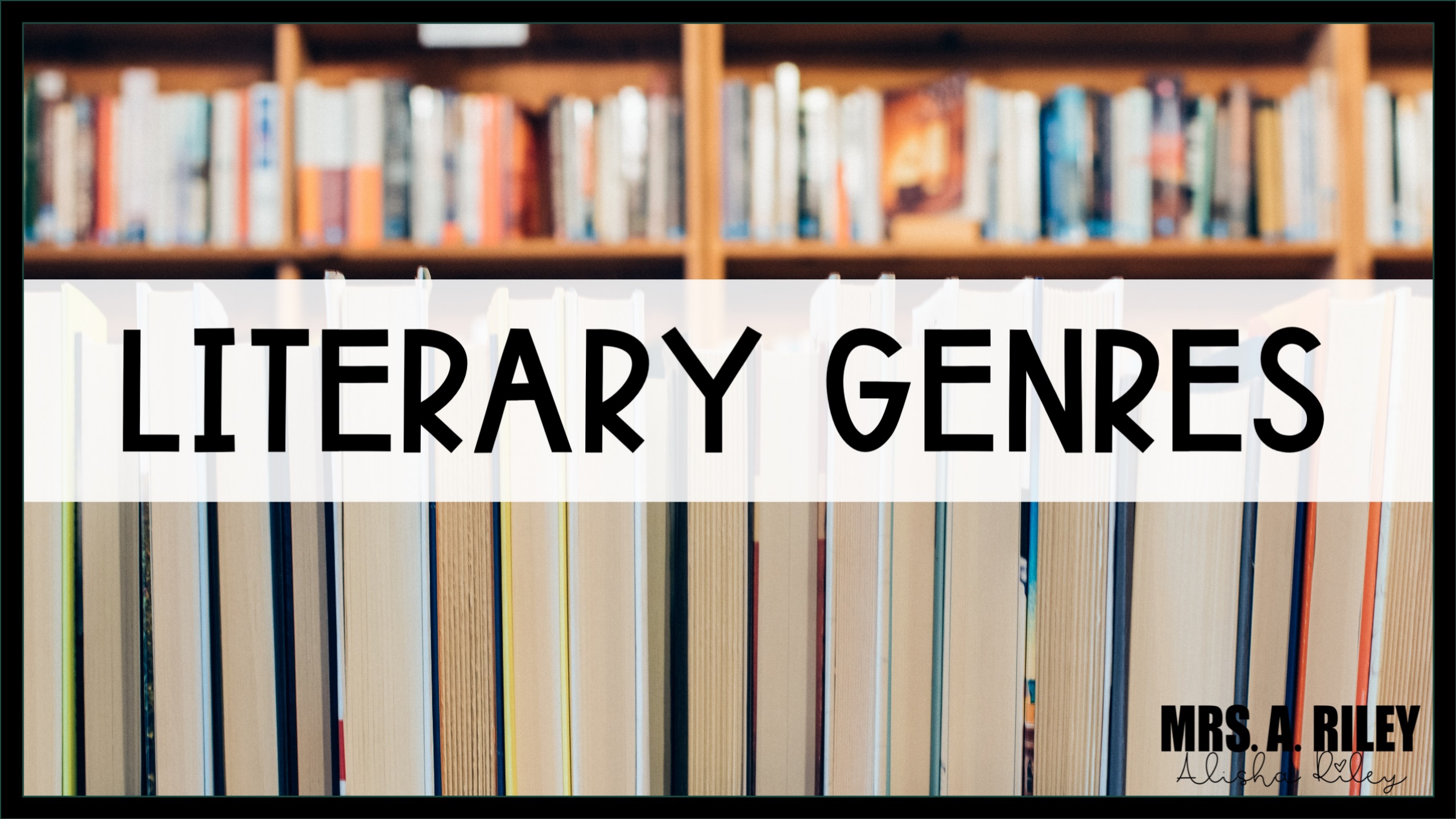




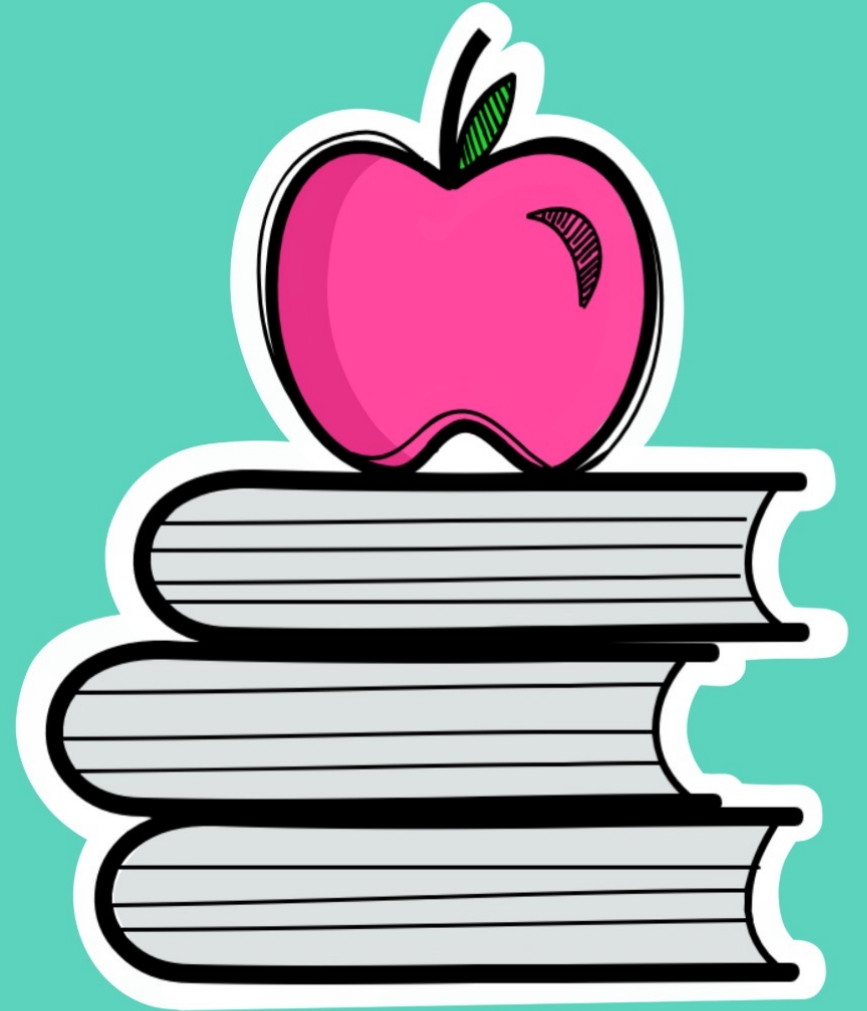
LITERARY GENRES

MRS. A. RILEY
Alisha Riley

GENRE

A category of similar pieces of writing.

It can be divided into fiction and nonfiction.



FICTION VS. NONFICTION

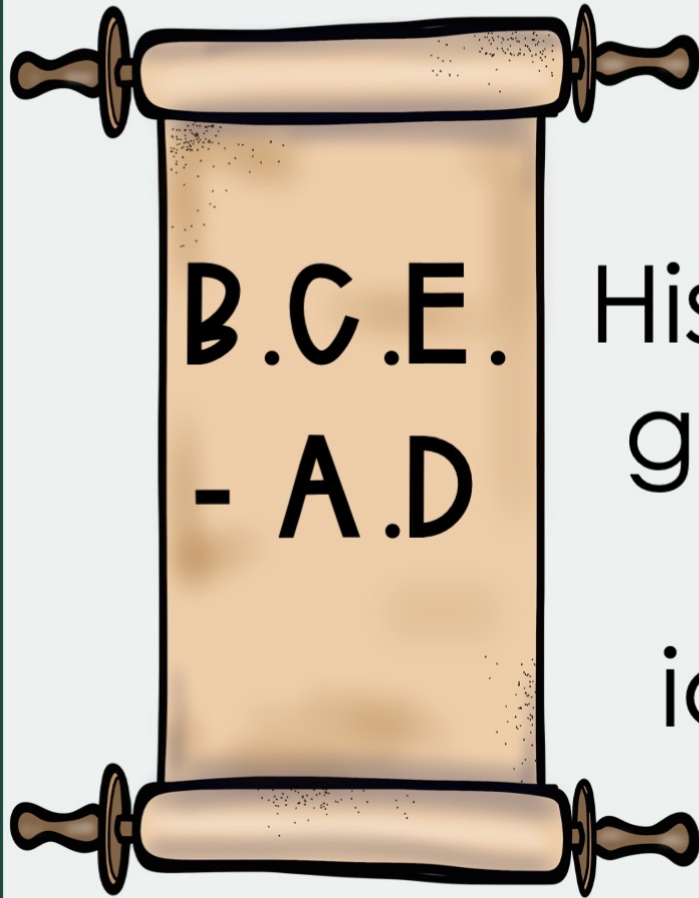
- describes imaginary events and people
- not true and not based on facts
- can contain historical events

- true and based on facts
- gives information



FICTION

HISTORICAL FICTION



Definition:

Historical fiction is a literary genre that takes place in the past during an identifiable time period.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Characteristics:

- set in the past
- characters and events could be real or imaginary
- accurate depiction of life
- setting and time period is important



HISTORICAL FICTION

Examples:

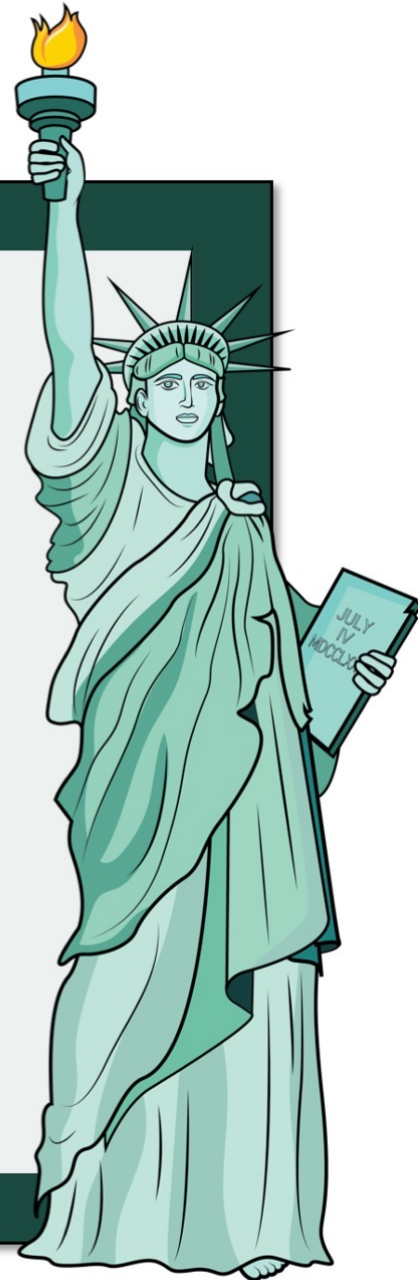
The Watson's Go To Birmingham

Fever 1793

Esperanza Rising

One Crazy Summer

The War That Saved My Life



HISTORICAL FICTION

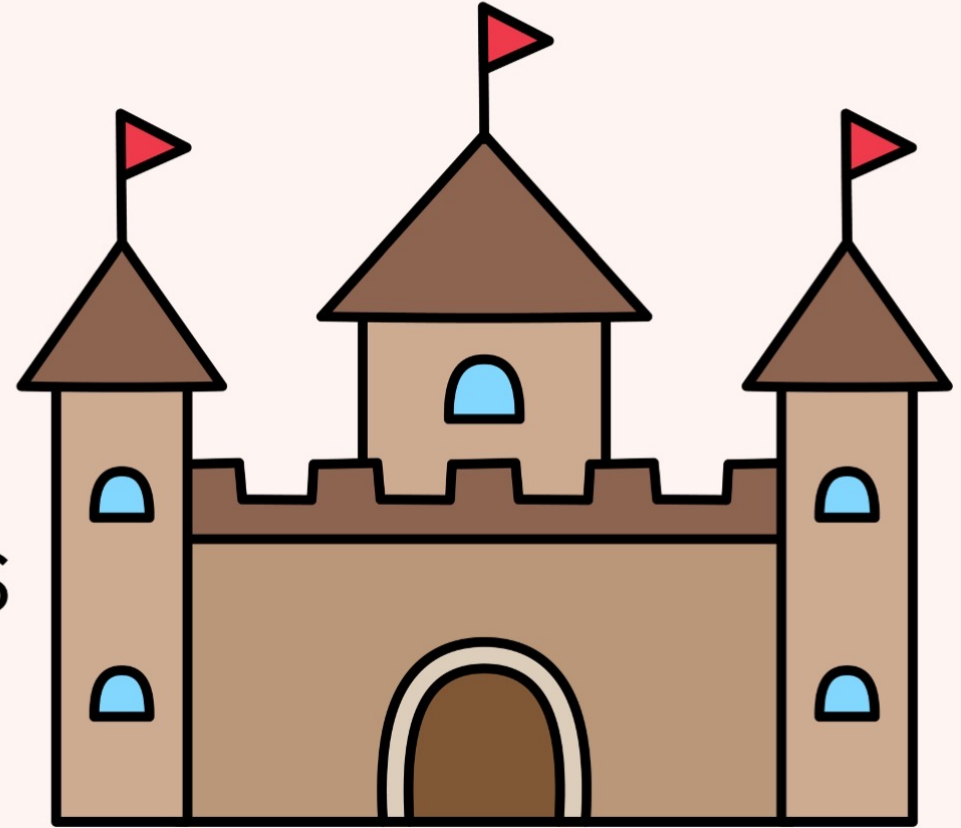
An Excerpt From War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy

To the left below, in the fog, exchanges of fire between unseen troops could be heard. There, it seemed to Prince Andrei, the battle would concentrate, there an obstacle would be encountered, and “it’s there that I’ll be sent with a brigade or division, and there, with a standard in my hand, I’ll go forward and crush everything ahead of me.”

FANTASY

Definition:

Fantasy is a literary genre made up of imaginary elements that do not exist.



FANTASY



Characteristics:

- magic
 - talking animals
- a different world-think Narnia or Hogwarts
- Castles or magical locations
 - characters: kings, dragons, princesses, wizards, witches, etc.

FANTASY

Examples:

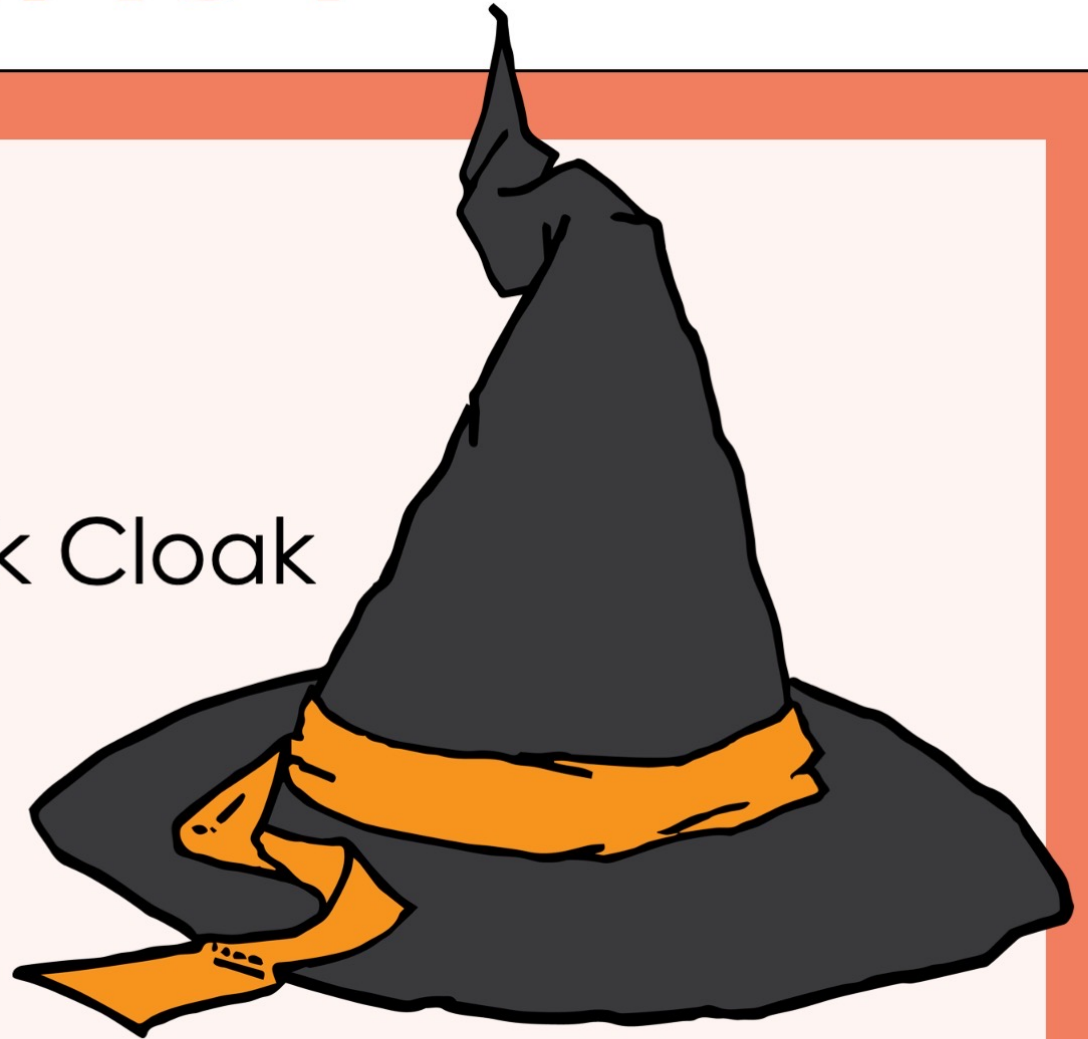
Cinderella

Artemis Fowl

Serafina and the Black Cloak

The Last Kids on Earth

Tuck Everlasting



FANTASY

An Excerpt From Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

'That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,' said the Cat.

'I don't much care where -' said Alice.

'Then it doesn't matter which way you go,' said the Cat.

'- so long as I get SOMEWHERE,' Alice added as an explanation.

'Oh, you're sure to do that,' said the Cat, 'if you only walk long enough.'

MYSTERY



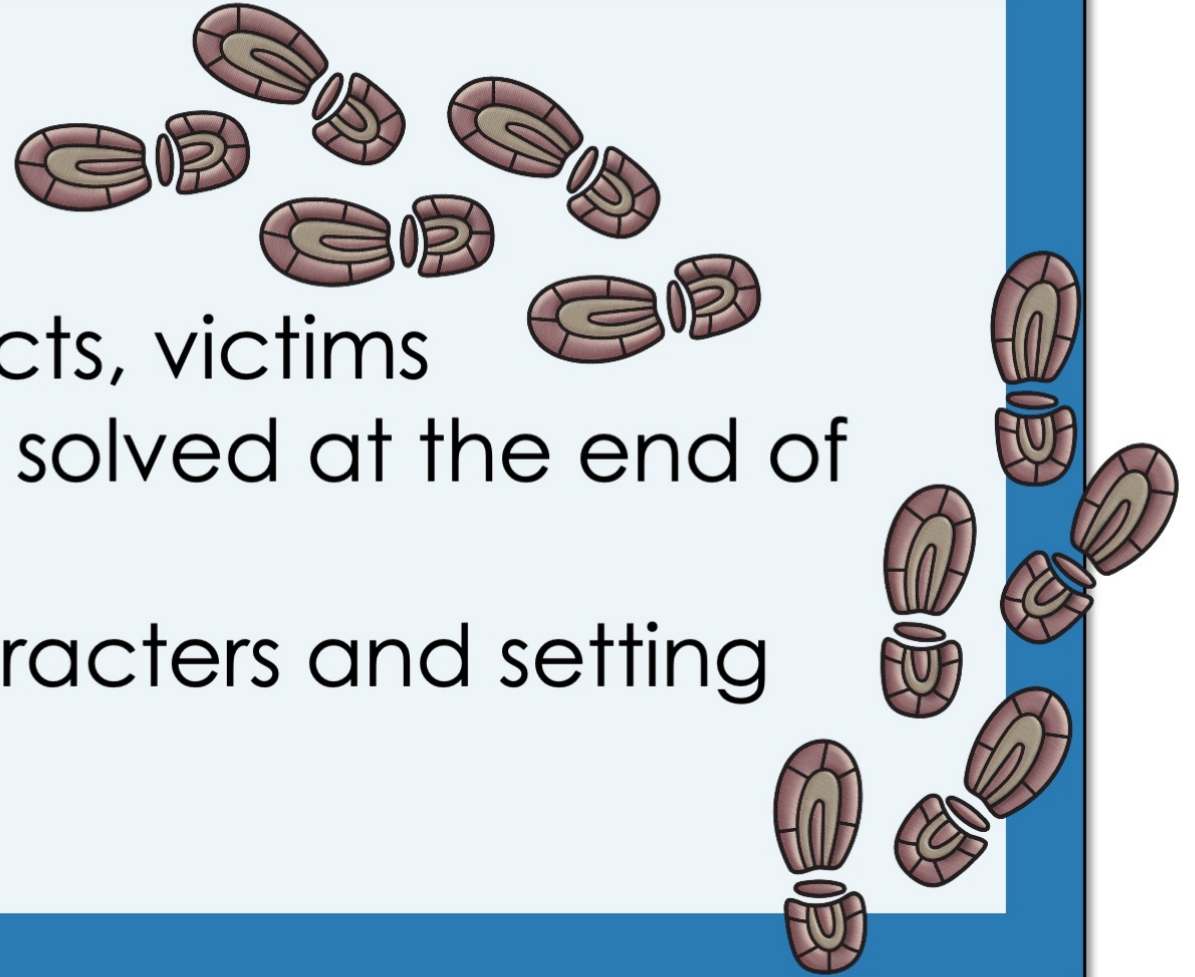
Definition:

Mystery is a literacy genre that follows a crime through to the solution.

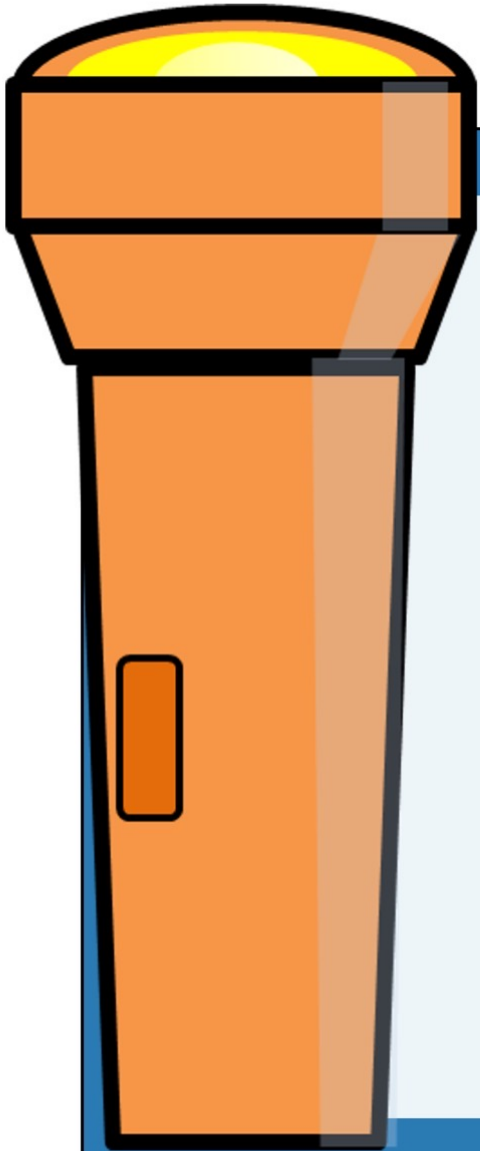
MYSTERY

Characteristics:

- contains a crime
- clues, suspense, suspects, victims
- the mystery is typically solved at the end of the story
- can have realistic characters and setting
- any time period



MYSTERY



Examples

Holes

When You Reach Me

Insignificant Events in the Life of A

Cactus

The Westing Games

Three Times Lucky

39 Clues

MYSTERY

A Mystery Excerpt Example

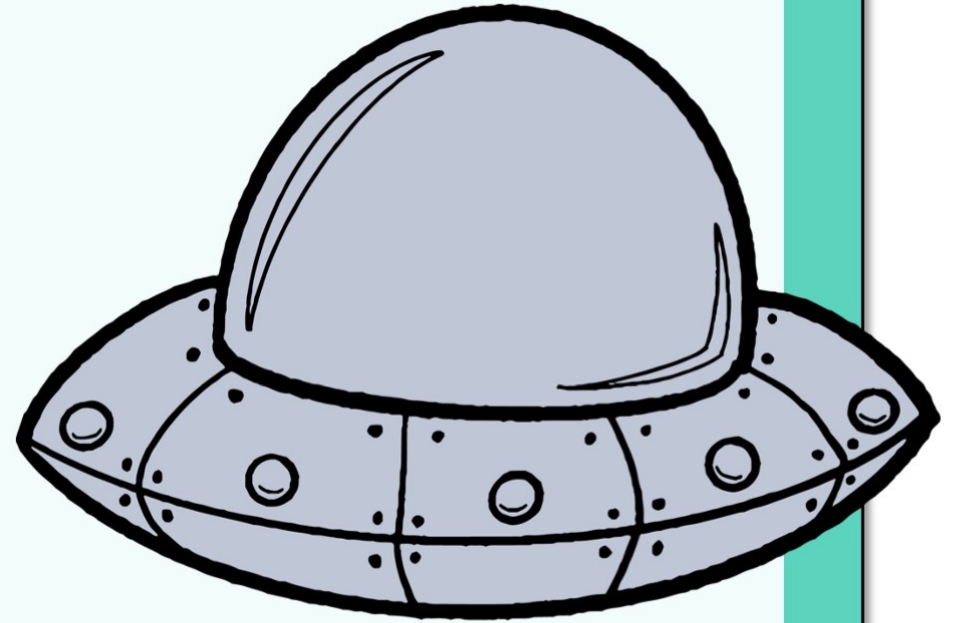
We've been searching all night to find the remaining letters. The weight of our search has been a never-ending pressure felt in my chest.

Since our dad died and left Allie and me the first clue, we have been consumed with the puzzle he left us. We will continue to search despite the tiredness; our dad's legacy is at stake.

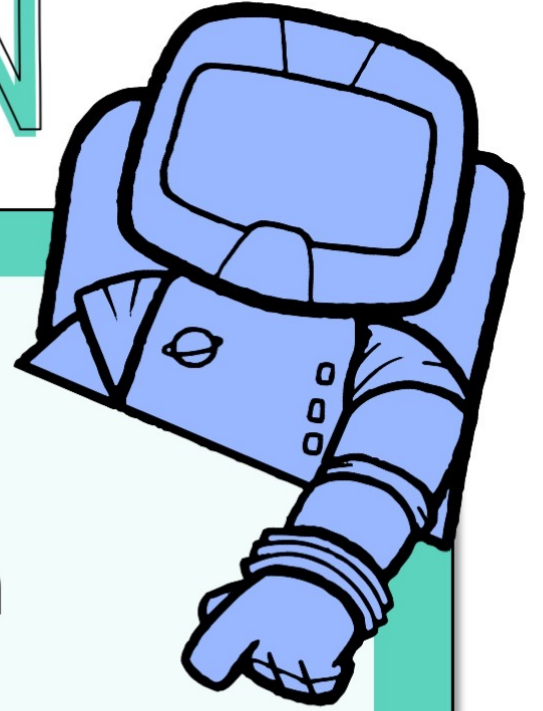
SCIENCE FICTION

Definition:

Science fiction is a genre of literature that creates an imaginative storyline impacted by science or technology.



SCIENCE FICTION



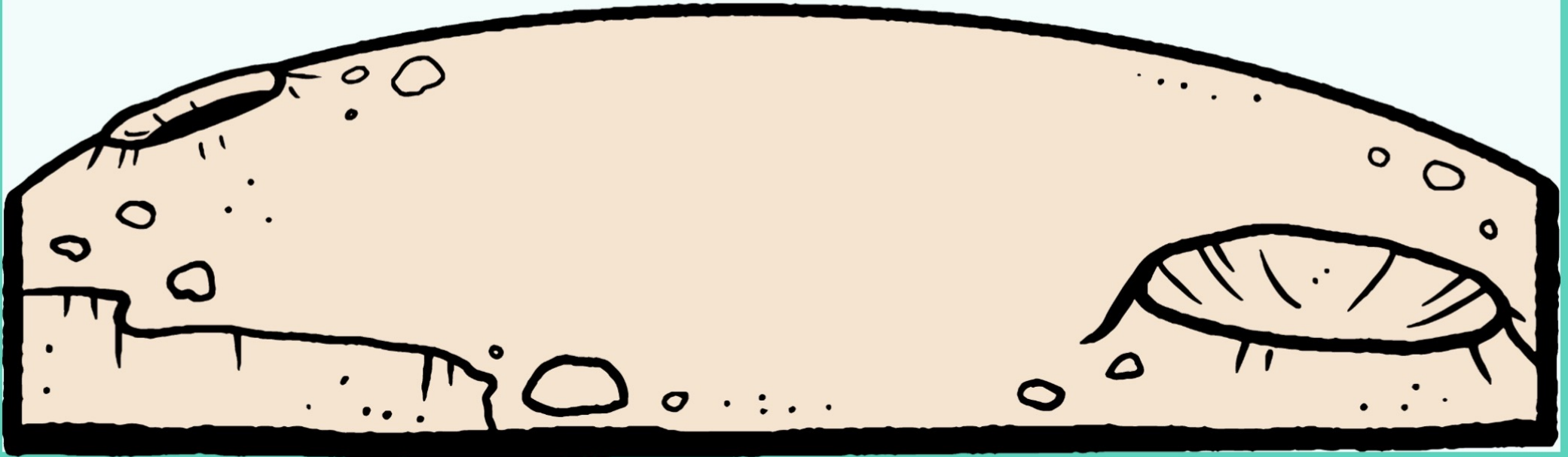
Characteristics:

- typically set in the future
- characters face an unreal situation caused by science or technology
- could contain- aliens, robots, end of the world scenarios, superheroes, etc.
- Unrealistic setting and characters

SCIENCE FICTION

Examples:

The Uglies Series The Giver
Hunger Games The Maze Runner Masterminds
A Wrinkle in Time The Selection Series



SCIENCE FICTION

A Science Fiction Excerpt Example

“AHHH!!! The Martians have landed. They have managed to penetrate the forcefield we’ve installed; despite all of the precautions we took.”

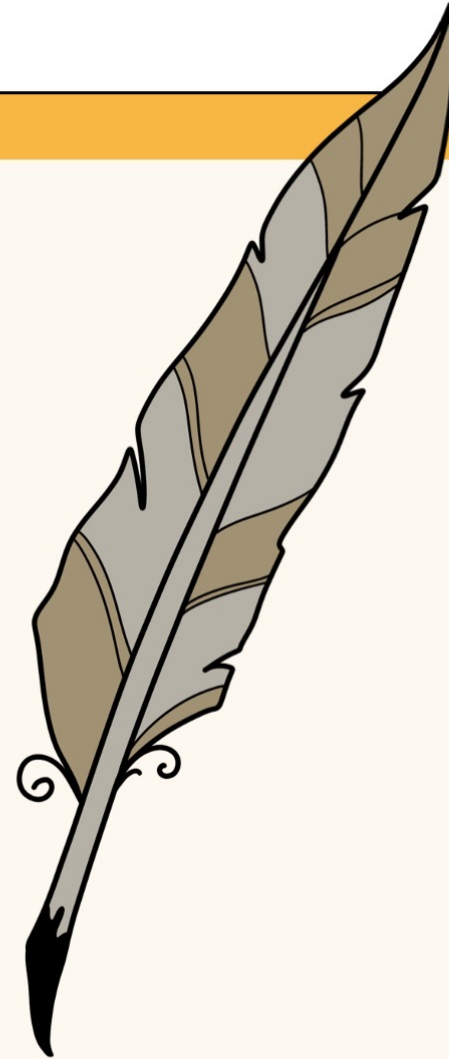
The Martians are displaying an insane amount of intelligence.

“Quick! Grab the laser beam, and we will try to shoot them down before they land.”

POETRY

Definition:

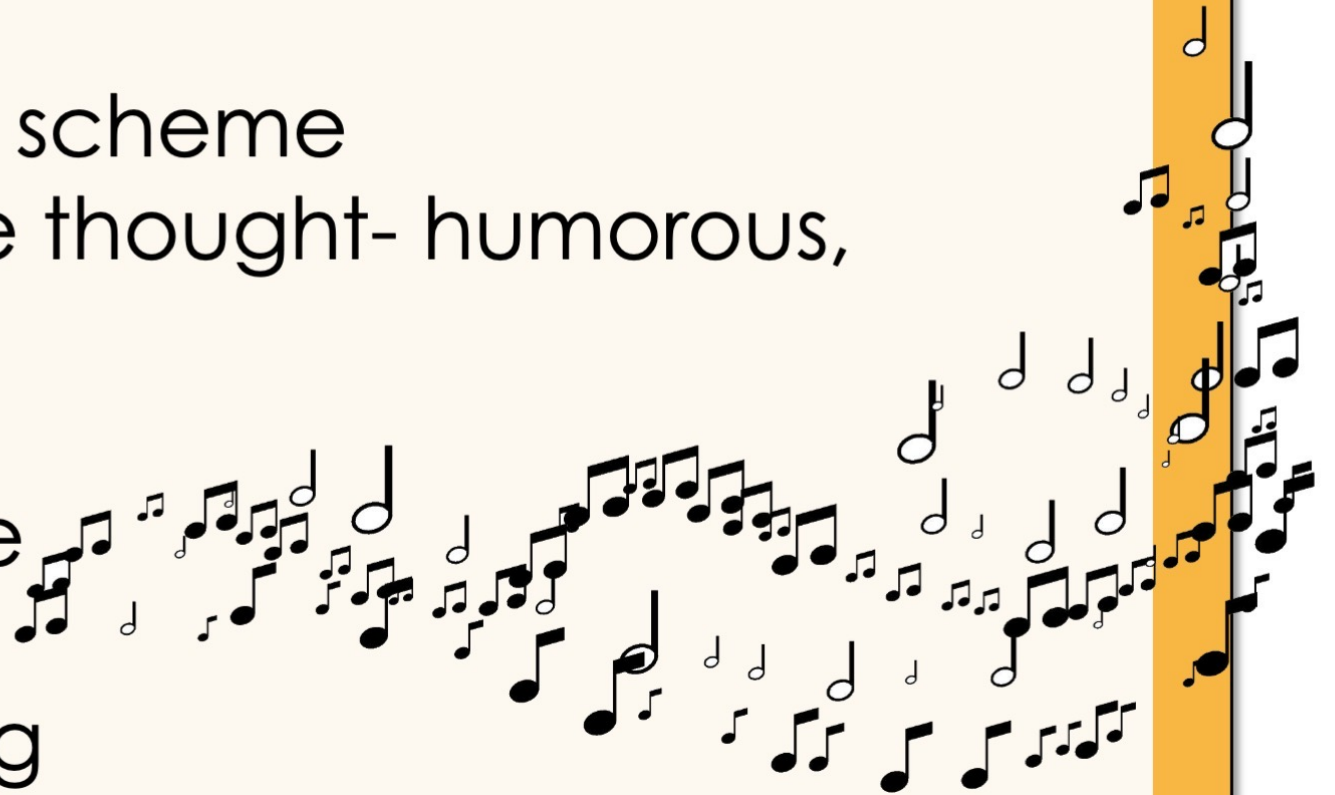
Poetry is a genre of literature that uses self- expression to evoke emotions from the reader.



POETRY

Characteristics:

- may have a rhyme scheme
- created to provoke thought- humorous, sad, serious, etc.
- may tell a story
- figurative language
- written in verse
- condensed wording



POETRY

Examples:

Where the Sidewalk Ends

Crossover

Brown Girl Dreaming

Out of The Dust

Inside Out and Back Again



POETRY

A Poison Tree

BY WILLIAM BLAKE

I was angry with my friend;
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe:
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

And I waterd it in fears,
Night & morning with my tears:
And I sunned it with smiles,
And with soft deceitful wiles.

And it grew both day and night.
Till it bore an apple bright.
And my foe beheld it shine,
And he knew that it was mine.

And into my garden stole,
When the night had veild the pole;
In the morning glad I see;
My foe outstretched beneath the tree.

REALISTIC FICTION

Definition:

Realistic fiction is a genre of literature that contains imaginary characters and events, but the events COULD happen in real life.



REALISTIC FICTION



Characteristics:

- set in present day
- could be a mystery, comedy, adventure
 - real life problems
- everything could happen in real life
- realistic setting, events, and characters

REALISTIC FICTION

Examples:

Wonder

Out of My Mind

Harbor Me

Hello, Universe

Ghost

Fish in a Tree

Stargirl

Walk Two Moons



REALISTIC FICTION

A Realistic Fiction Example Excerpt

My heart was crushed. I was completely devastated. All summer, I had practiced and trained.

I reread the list again, hoping my name would magically appear.

How could I not make the team? The page absent of my name was taunting me. I skipped camp, outings with friends, and countless days with Alex so I could practice.

I was fuming, but I knew EXACTLY who I would pay a visit to—someone who owed me a favor.

TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

Definition:

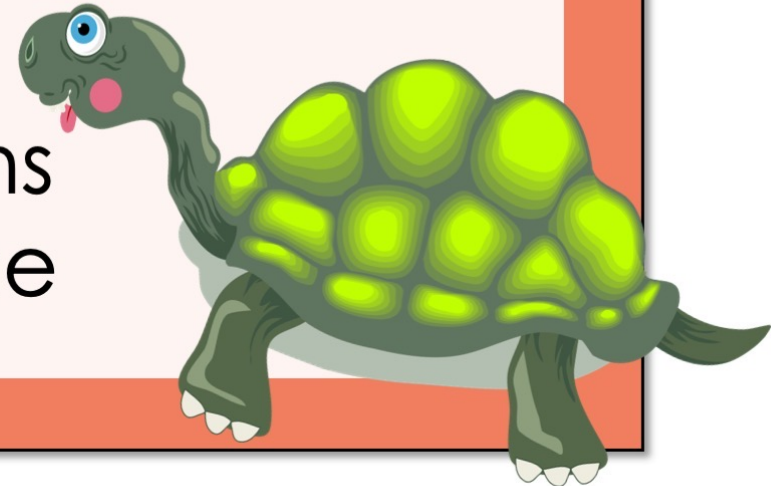
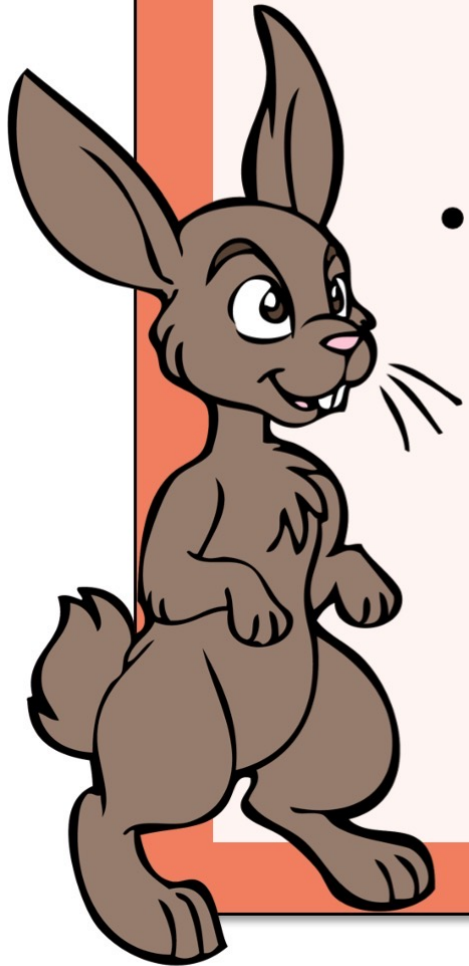
Traditional literature is a genre of stories that began as oral retelling and have since been spread around the world. It includes folktales, fables, tall tales, myths, and legends.



TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

Characteristics:

- a strong moral or lesson
- created to teach children values
 - talking animals
 - passed down orally
- exaggerated elements
- may have multiple versions
- no set time period or place



TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

Examples:

Aesop's Fables

Cinderella

Little Red Riding Hood

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Paul Bunyan



TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

The Fox and The Grapes-An Aesop's Fable

A Fox one day spied a beautiful bunch of ripe grapes hanging from a vine trained along the branches of a tree. The grapes seemed ready to burst with juice, and the Fox's mouth watered as he gazed longingly at them.

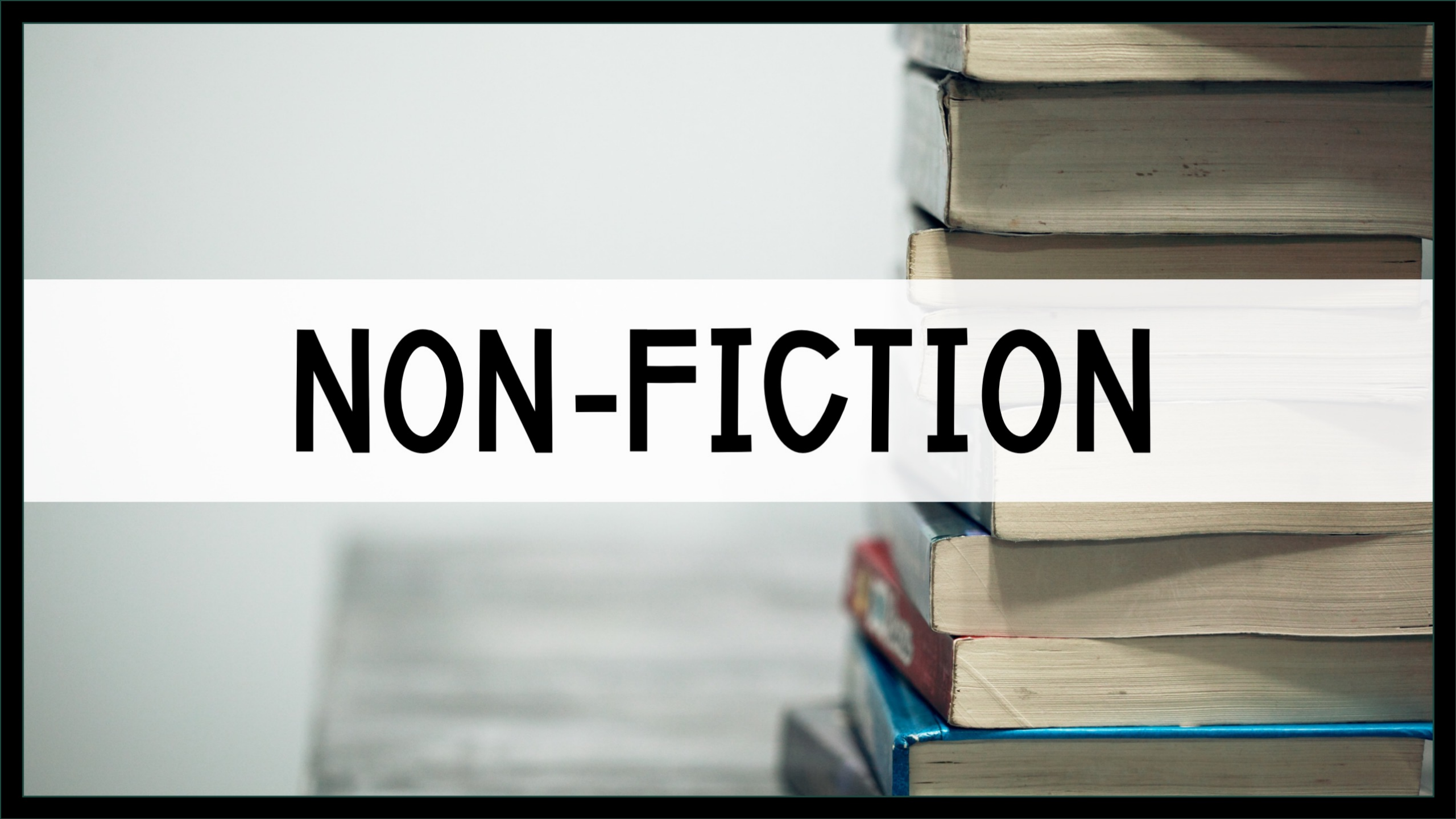
The bunch hung from a high branch, and the Fox had to jump for it. The first time he jumped he missed it by a long way. So he walked off a short distance and took a running leap at it, only to fall short once more.

Again and again he tried, but in vain.

Now he sat down and looked at the grapes in disgust.

"What a fool I am," he said. "Here I am wearing myself out to get a bunch of sour grapes that are not worth gaping for."

And off he walked very, very scornfully.

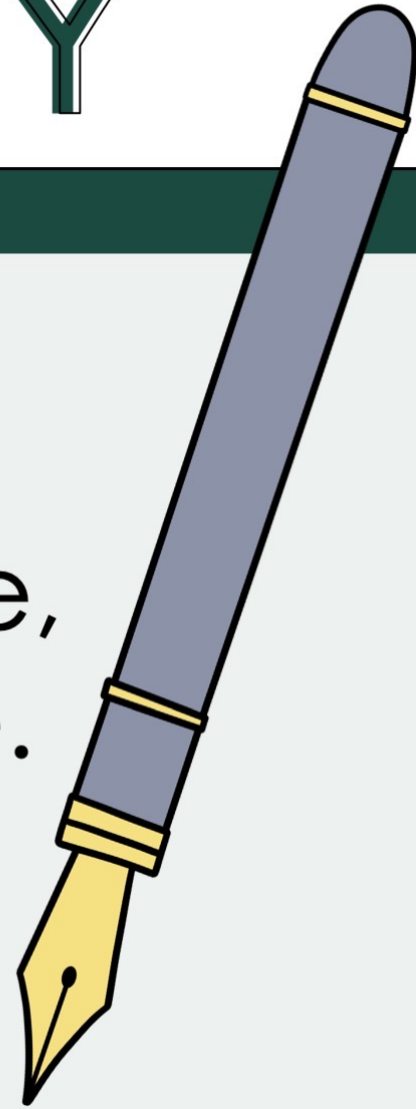
A vertical stack of several books is shown on the right side of the image. The spines of the books are visible, showing various colors like brown, white, and blue. The books are stacked in a slightly irregular manner, with some pages visible at the edges. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

NON-FICTION

BIOGRAPHY

Definition:

a telling of someone's life,
written by someone else.



BIOGRAPHY

Characteristics:

- describe the life of a real person
- information is based on facts
- written by someone other than the person
- information, dialogue, and people are accurate
- first-hand accounts when possible
- crafted in a way that it lets the reader get to know that person

BIOGRAPHY

Examples:

I Am Malala

Amelia Lost

March: Book One

Turning Fifteen on the Road to Freedom

Elon Musk and a Quest for a Fantastic Future

BIOGRAPHY

An Excerpt from The Every-Day Life of Abraham Lincoln **by Francis Fisher Browne**

Thomas Lincoln was twenty-eight years old before he sought a wife. His choice fell upon a young woman of twenty-three whose name was Nancy Hanks. Like her husband, she was of English descent. Like his, her parents had followed in the path of emigration from Virginia to Kentucky. The couple were married by the Rev. Jesse Head, a Methodist minister located at Springfield, Washington County, Kentucky. They lived for a time in Elizabethtown, but after the birth of their first child, Sarah, they removed to Rock Spring farm, on Nolin Creek, in Hardin (afterward LaRue) County. In this desolate spot, a strange and unlikely place for the birth of one destined to play so memorable a part in the history of the world, on the twelfth day of February, 1809, Abraham Lincoln the President was born.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Definition:

An autobiography is the story of one person's life, written by that person.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Characteristics:

- typically told in first person point of view
- true and factual events
- covers a person's life
- about the author, by the author
- shares accomplishments

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Examples:

Boy by Ronald Dahl

Anne Frank: The Diary of A Young Girl

Knots in My Yo-Yo String by Jerry Spinelli

Reaching the Moon by Katherine Johnson

Looking Back by Lois Lowry

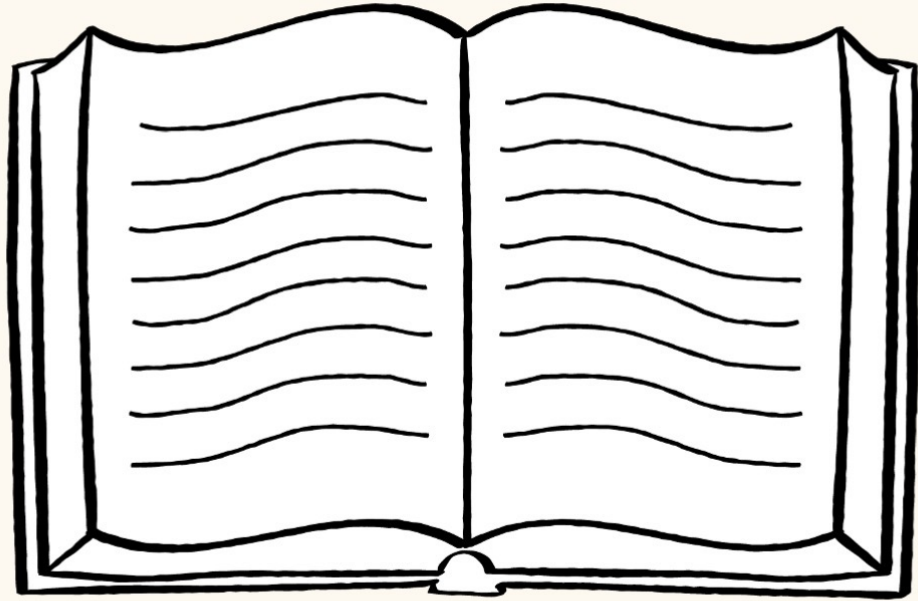


AUTOBIOGRAPHY

An Excerpt from Chapters of My Autobiography **by Mark Twain**

My experiences as an author began early in 1867. I came to New York from San Francisco in the first month of that year and presently Charles H. Webb, whom I had known in San Francisco as a reporter on *The Bulletin*, and afterward editor of *The Californian*, suggested that I publish a volume of sketches. I had but a slender reputation to publish it on, but I was charmed and excited by the suggestion and quite willing to venture it if some industrious person would save me the trouble of gathering the sketches together.

INFORMATIONAL



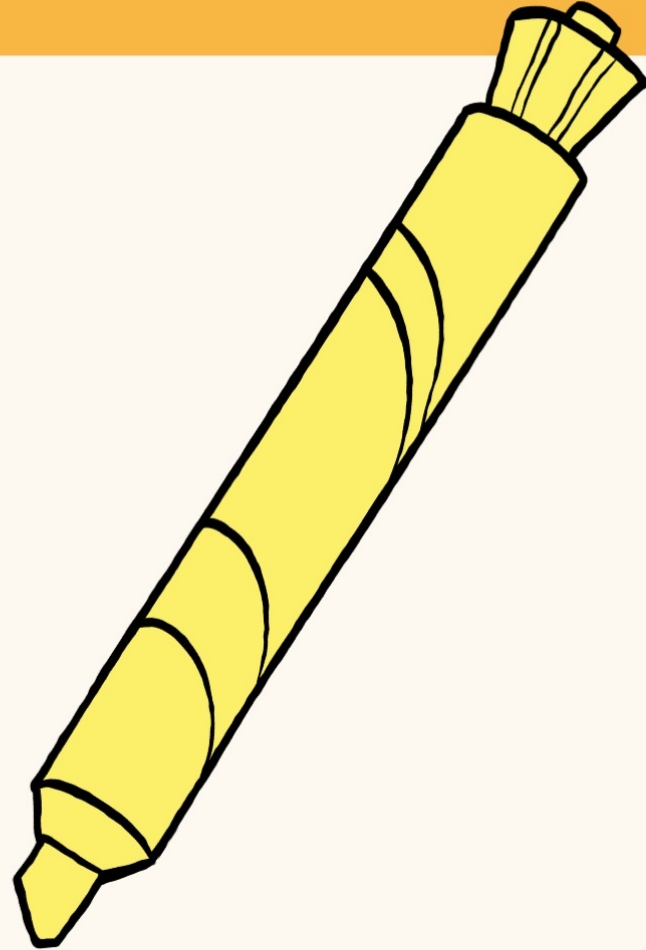
Definition:

A genre of literature that shares true, known facts about a topic.

INFORMATIONAL

Characteristics:

- facts
- text features
- glossary
- pictures
- captions
- table of contents



INFORMATIONAL

Examples:

Times Magazine for Kids

National Geographic For Kids

Textbooks

Webster's Dictionary

Grammar for Dummies

How To Draw Cool Stuff



INFORMATIONAL

An Excerpt From BARKHAM BURROUGHS' ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF ASTOUNDING FACTS AND USEFUL INFORMATION 1889

The principle of the telephone, that sounds could be conveyed to a distance by a distended wire, was demonstrated by Robert Hook in 1667, but no practical application was made of the discovery until 1821, when Professor Wheatstone exhibited his "Enchanted Lyre," in which the sounds of a music-box were conveyed from a cellar to upper rooms. The first true discoverer of the speaking telephone, however, was Johaun Philipp Reis, a German scientist and professor in the institute at Friedrichsdorf.