

## Nonfiction Texts

**I. Definition** - Nonfiction is writing based on real people, places and events. Unlike fiction which is fake or not true; nonfiction is factual.

### II. Four Broad Categories of Nonfiction:

A. Expository nonfiction: Expository nonfiction explains historical events, fashion trends or natural phenomena. **It can also address philosophical questions and includes science and philosophy books. Expository nonfiction authors typically do a lot of research on their topic so they can explain it clearly and accurately to readers who might be learning about it for the first time.**

B. Narrative nonfiction (Literary): Narrative nonfiction writing discusses facts in the style of a story. **It uses chapters to structure the books rather than organizing the work by topic, like expository nonfiction does. Examples of narrative nonfiction include memoirs and biographies.**

C. Persuasive nonfiction: With persuasive nonfiction, the author takes a position on a topic. **They use facts to support their arguments and convince the readers. An example of persuasive nonfiction is an editorial in a newspaper.**

D. Descriptive nonfiction: With descriptive nonfiction, the writer uses figurative language, rich details and sensory language to help readers understand the information. **An example of descriptive nonfiction is a travel guide.**