

Genre Overview

Prose – Fiction		
Code	Genre	Definition
TL	Traditional Literature or Oral Tradition	Stories that are passed down from one generation to another. This includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths including those from different cultures.
F	Fantasy	A story including elements which are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers.
RF	Realistic Fiction	Believable fiction that is set in the present; characters take part in activities that could have happened.
HF	Historical Fiction	Fiction that is set in the past; characters take part in actual historical events & interact with real people in the past.
SF	Science Fiction	Stories involving actual or future scientific phenomena (robots, time machines, etc.)
M	Mystery	A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story. It involves solving a crime or unexplained event or phenomena.
H	Horror	Fictional stories that have elements of fear and shock and cause the reader to be frightened.
Prose – Nonfiction		
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I	Informational	Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, etc.)
B	Biography	The story of a real person's life written by another individual or group of people.
AB	Autobiography	The story of a real person's life written by that person.
Poetry		
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P	Poetry	Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey the meaning. There are different forms of poems from free verse, narrative, lyrical, ballad, and recipe (to name a few).
Drama		
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D	Drama	Script written to be read orally or performed.