

Literary Terms #2 – Fiction & Nonfiction

- I. Two Types of Prose
 - A. Fiction – literature which describes imaginary events and characters. The author is using his/her imagination in the creation of the story.
 - 1. Fantasy
 - 2. Science Fiction
 - 3. Historical
 - 4. Realistic
 - 5. Traditional
 - 6. Mystery
 - B. Nonfiction – literature based on fact (according to the author’s perspective) that tells about real people, places, objects, or events.
 - 1. Biography, Autobiography
 - 2. Informational Text (textbooks)
 - 3. Narrative Nonfiction
 - 4. Diaries/journals
 - 5. Travel guides
- II. Determining the difference between fact and opinion
 - A. Facts are statements which can be proven.
 - 1. Facts may be true or false but can be proven.
 - B. Opinions are statements which cannot be proven.
 - 1. Opinions may be supported by facts.
 - 2. Opinions may be argued

**These notes are to be placed in your notebook, in the section - “Literary Devices.”*