

Nonfiction Terms

Nonfiction	writing that tells about real people, places, and events
Literary Nonfiction	writing about real people, places, or events, written to be read in a similar way as fiction
Informative Nonfiction	writing about real people, places, or events, written mainly to provide factual information
Autobiography	the story of one's life, written by that person
Biography	the story of one's life, written by someone else
Primary Source	a firsthand account of an event; includes diaries, journals, letters, speeches, news stories, photographs, and pieces of art
Secondary Source	presents information compiled from or based on other sources
Memoir	a specific type of autobiography about the author's personal experiences. It does not cover the author's entire life
Anecdote	a brief account of an interesting incident or event that usually is intended to entertain or to make a point
Chronological Order	the order in which events happen in time
Fact	a statement that can be proven true or false
Opinion	a statement that reflects a person's beliefs
Bias	the side of an issue an author favors