



# Genres of Literature



**Nonfiction**-informational text dealing with actual, real-life subjects. This genre of literature offers opinions or theories on facts and reality. There are several types of nonfiction as shown in the chart below.

<b>Narrative</b>	Factual, real information that tells a story.
<b>Essay</b>	A short writing that reflects the author's outlook and is usually on a particular theme or subject which analyzes, considers or explains.
<b>Biography</b>	A written story of another person's life.
<b>Autobiography</b>	Gives the history of a person's life, written or told by that person.
<b>Speech</b>	Is the ability to express one's thoughts and emotions by oral speaking, sounds, and gesture.

**Fiction**-literary works with content produced by the imagination and is not based on fact. In fiction information in the writing is invented, or imagined; a made-up story. There are several types of nonfiction as shown in the chart below.

<b>Fantasy</b>	is the forming of mental images in a story with strange or other worldly settings or characters.
<b>Fable</b>	a story about supernatural or special people that gives a lesson at the end of the story. In Fables, animals often speak as humans.
<b>Drama</b>	written in verse or prose, usually for theatrical performance, where conflicts and emotion are told through speaking and action.
<b>Science Fiction</b>	a story based on science and is set in the future or on other planets.
<b>Fairy Tales</b>	a story which usually includes a magical person or creatures.
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	a story that can actually happen and is true to real life, but is not real.
<b>Short Story</b>	A story that is too short to have any mini-story themes.

