**Genre and Understanding Genre Characteristics**

**Novel: (Longer)**

* Plot, character, setting, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and theme.
* Plot includes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and more than one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes more than one theme.
* Some novels may have related or independent stories and conflicts within the one main plot.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are shorter than a novel but longer than a short story**.**

**Short Story: (Brief)**

* Plot, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, setting, point of view, theme.
* Focus: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ main plot, \_\_\_\_\_\_ main conflict, \_\_\_\_\_\_ theme, read in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sitting

Genre - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Genres fall into two categories:
  + **Nonfiction-** written stories about people and events that are not real
  + **Fiction-** written stories about people and events that are not real
    - **Fiction Examples**: Realistic, Fantasy, Historical, Science, Mystery, Adventure, Traditional. & Thriller
* **Short Stories and Novels** will take on the characteristics of any of these types of genres

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| **Genre** | **What I Learned** |
| **Realistic Fiction**  **C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AVPJ03GP\MC900436163[1].wmf** | **Plot:**  **Characters:** Represents the burdens, struggles, joys, and happenings of everyday life  **Theme:**  **Dialect:** Use of dialogue and dialect (to represent real life/ real geographical influences/ everyday people/character’s thoughts) |
| **Fantasy**  **C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AVPJ03GP\MC900444725[1].jpg** | **Plot:** Imagination of the author breaks free from reality. Scientific principals not yet discovered or supported by logic, math, science, real life  **Characters:**  **Setting:**  **Dialect:** New vocabulary/terms to represent alternative world(s), new beings, imaginary **lands** |
| **Historical Fiction**  **C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RJOL2ZL2\MC900149848[1].wmf** | **Plot:**  **Dialect:** |
| **Science Fiction**  **C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0215086.wmf** | **Plot:** Author’s imagination is weaved around technology, and the impossible. Elements of reality are weaved into the story! Usually futuristic. Most Science Fiction explores the “What If?” question of our world, society, and culture (critical commentary).  **Characters:**  **Theme:** Modern day Science Fiction explores controversial issues (such as cloning, mental illness, political power/ control, interpersonal identity, social relations, etc).  **Dialect:** |
| **Mystery**  **C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AVPJ03GP\MC900439343[1].jpg** | **Plot:**  **Characters:**  **\* A sub-genre can be present(Realistic, Historical, Science, Fantasy Fiction), but the primary drive of the plot is through the solving of the mystery** |
| **Adventure**  **C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RJOL2ZL2\MC900383464[1].wmf** | **Plot/Characters:** The main characters go on an adventure that ultimately leads to self-discovery and/or the resolution of the story’s conflict  **Setting:**  **\* Can present as a sub-genre of Realistic, Historical, Science, Mystery, Thriller, etc.** |
| **Traditional Fiction**  **C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\J2BJJG6P\MC900116052[1].wmf** | **Folklore -** Fables, Tall Tales, Myths, Legends, Folk Songs (because most are narrative)  **Plot:**  **Disseminated – passed down orally over generations**  **Dialect:** Use of dialect – idioms, vocabulary (phrases/ figures of speech), and accent   * + Accent: “Ya’ll go over yonder and take cover before it starts raining cats and dogs.”   + DIALECT INCLUDES:     - * Ya’ll – accent       * Go Over Yonder – vocabulary       * Raining Cats and Dogs - idiom |
| **Thriller**  **C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\J2BJJG6P\MC900440651[1].wmf** | **Plot:**  **Characters:**  **\* A sub-genre of Realistic, Historical, Science, and Fantasy Fiction** |