



Genres & Subgenres

ESLDO - Unit 4



Genre = Category

All writing falls into a category or **genre**.

We will use **5 main genres**
and **15 subgenres**.

GENRES:

Fiction

Drama

Nonfiction

Folklore

Poetry

SUBGENRES:

Realistic Fiction

Historical Fiction

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Comedy

Tragedy

Informational Writing

Persuasive Writing

Biography

Autobiography

Fairy Tale

Legend

Tall Tale

Myth

Fable

5 Main Genres

1. **Nonfiction**: writing that is true
2. **Fiction**: imaginative or made up writing
3. **Folklore**: stories once passed down orally
4. **Drama**: a play or script
5. **Poetry**: writing concerned with the beauty of language

Nonfiction Subgenres

- **Persuasive Writing**: tries to influence the reader
- **Informational Writing**: explains something
- **Autobiography**: life story written by oneself
- **Biography**: Writing about someone else's life

Latin Roots

Auto = Self

Bio = Life

Graphy = Writing

Folklore Subgenres (continued)

Fairytales: has magic and/or talking animals.

- Often starts with “Once upon a time...”
- Like **fantasy** but **much older**
- Often has a human main character
- **Fables** also have talking animals, but fables are VERY short

What are **Dramas**?

Stories written in script form.

Example

Teacher: Everyone take notes.

Student A: I don't have a pen.

Drama Subgenres

Comedy: has a happy ending.

Tragedy: ends in death and sadness.

Review

Nonfiction: persuasive writing, informational writing, autobiography, and biography

Fiction: historical fiction, science fiction, realistic fiction, and fantasy

Folklore: myth, legend, tall tale, fairy tale, and fable

Drama: comedy and tragedy

Poetry: many subgenres we will not study...



Guess the Genre and Subgenre...

Your Science Textbook

Your science textbook contains much of the human knowledge of Earth and the universe.

Write the **genre** and **subgenre** on your paper.



Your science textbook is:

Genre = Nonfiction

Subgenre = Informational Writing

They Came from the Sun by Tom Mitchell

The story of a race of aliens that come to enslave the residents of Earth with their advanced weaponry. Only one teacher can stop them, but is it too late?

Write the **genre** and **subgenre** on your paper.



“They came from the sun” is:

Genre = Fiction

Subgenre = Science Fiction

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
by J.K. Rowling

The first book in the Harry Potter series. Harry goes to wizard school and becomes a Gryffindor. He learns to play quidditch, a soccer like game played on flying broomsticks, and he fights an evil within the school with his newfound magic powers.



**“Harry Potter and the
Philosopher’s Stone” is:**

Genre = Fiction

Subgenre = Fantasy

“Dogs and Cats” by Bob Brady

A five paragraph essay where the student Bob Brady compares and contrasts dogs and cats. He provides a lot of information about both.

Write the **genre** and **subgenre** on your paper.



“Dogs and Cats” is:

Genre = Nonfiction

Subgenre = Informational Writing