

Genres and Subgenres Continued...



ESLDO - Unit 4

What is a Genre? /zhan-ra/

As humans we have a tendency to group things together.

Genre = a category or grouping of creative work - often organized by finding similarities in structure, style, or topic.

When it comes to writing, there are 5 MAIN GENRES.

Subgenre = a category or grouping of creative work - often organized by finding similarities in structure, style, or topic that is also grouped into ONE OF THE 5 MAIN GENRES

There are 15 SUBGENRES.

The 5 Genres and 15 Subgenres

	<u>Genres:</u>				
	FICTION	DRAMA	NONFICTION	FOLKLORE	POETRY
<u>Subgenres:</u>	Realistic Fiction	Comedy	Informational Writing	Fairytale	
	Historical Fiction	Tragedy	Persuasive Writing	Fable	
	Science Fiction		Autobiography	Tall Tale	
	Fantasy		Biography	Myth	
				Legend	

FICTION = *Fake stories with made up events and characters*

There are 4 Subgenres in Fiction writing:

- **FANTASY:**
 - Contains magical and/or supernatural elements that do not exist in the real world (think dragons, werewolves, magic, wizards, unicorns, made-up creatures)
- **SCIENCE FICTION:**
 - Contains scientific elements and futuristic technology (think robots, space, aliens, the future)
- **HISTORICAL FICTION:**
 - Contains real historic events of the past but is a fake story with made-up or fake characters
- **REALISTIC FICTION:**
 - Contains made-up or fake characters and fake events, but the setting resembles our real world and real societies

DRAMA!

Drama = *A story that is presented through dialogue or many speaking roles*

There are 2 Subgenres in Drama writing:

- **COMEDY**
 - **Has a happy ending**
 - **Has humour**
- **TRAGEDY**
 - **Has a sad or upsetting ending**
 - **Is very serious and dramatic**

NONFICTION!

NONFICTION = *Writing that addresses real people, real events,, and real objects*

There are 4 Subgenres in Nonfiction writing:

- **INFORMATIONAL WRITING**
 - Gives the reader information about a real idea, place, person, or thing
- **PERSUASIVE WRITING**
 - Tries to convince the reader to change their opinion about a real idea, place, person, or thing
- **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**
 - The author writes a real account of their own true life story
- **BIOGRAPHY**
 - The author writes a real account of another person's true life story

FOLKLORE!

FOLKLORE = *Fictional, culturally based stories passed on from generation to generation*

There are 5 Subgenres in Folklore writing:

- **FAIRYTALE**

- A fictional story passed on from the previous generation that usually contains magical creatures, fairies, witches. Usually made for children's entertainment.

- **FABLE**

- A story passed on from the previous generation. Usually very short and contains a life lesson for children.

- **TALL TALE**

- A fictional story passed on from the previous generation that contains unbelievable elements, but pretends to be real (the story is made up of lies).

- **MYTH**

- A fictional story passed on from the previous generation, and contains elements of the generation's beliefs and values.

- **LEGEND**

- A fictional story passed on from the previous generation where there are human characters. The generation usually believes that the human characters and events in the story actually occurred in history.

POETRY... to be continued.