

Stories that involve  
a crime or secret

Mystery

A fictional story  
that couldn't  
happen in real life

Fantasy Fiction

A fictional story  
that could have  
happened in real life

Realistic Fiction

The story of  
someone's life, written  
by someone else

Biography

Short story that  
teaches readers a  
lesson about life

Fable

Text that explains  
current world  
events

News Article

Writing that uses  
special sound, rhythm,  
or rhymes

Poetry

Step-by-step  
directions about how  
to do something

Instructions

Fiction that uses  
futuristic science or  
technology

Science Fiction

An exaggerated or silly story about a fictional person

Tall Tale

Fiction based on a true time and place in history

Historical Fiction

The story of the author's own life

Autobiography

Fiction that usually includes magic and mythical creatures

Stories that were passed down by word-of-mouth, usually specific to one place or country

Stories intended to frighten and shock readers

Fairy Tale

Folklore

Horror

Stories written in the form of a script for actors to read

Stories that are supposed to make readers laugh, often silly stories

Traditional stories that were passed down, usually to explain nature and natural phenomena

Play

Comedy

Legend or Myth