



Brain Box

A **genre** is a category or type of artistic work with a particular style, form, or content.

What Kind of Story?

Read the description of the different **genres** and then circle the correct genre.

Realistic Fiction

Setting: the present

Plot: events that could happen in real life

Historical Fiction

Setting: the past

Plot: the way events in real life could have happened

Mystery

Setting: usually the past or present

Plot: the solving of a puzzle, usually a crime

Fantasy

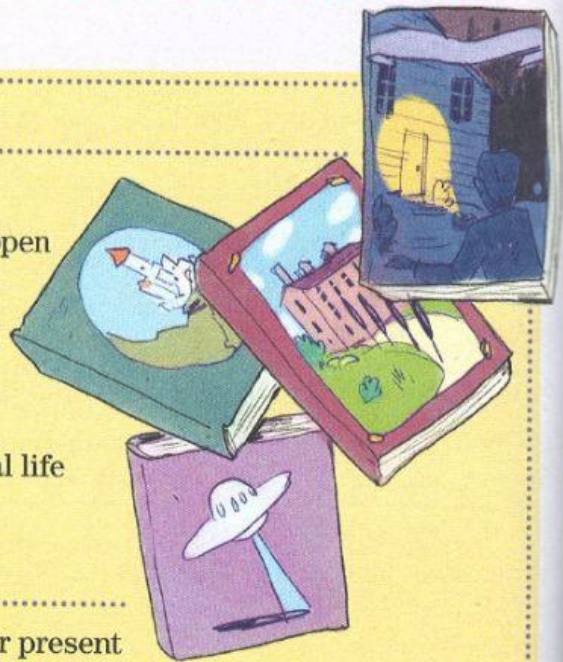
Setting: usually a world that is full of magic

Plot: often involves a quest or a battle between forces of good and evil

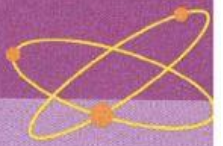
Science Fiction

Setting: usually the future or an outer space world

Plot: often involves a quest or battle with elements based on scientific theories



As soon as the teacher turned her back, Lily stared out the window again. There were the usual flowering trees, the dog that was always left outside, and the squirrels raiding the compost pile. But now Lily also saw a man carrying a large duffel bag. And now she saw that there was a hole dug in his yard. He lowered the bag into the hole. Then he disappeared for a moment and came back with a tree for planting. He placed that in the hole, too. Lily thought that he must be pretending that the hole was for the tree when really it was for the bag. But what was in the bag? "Lily!" the teacher said.



Blake stared straight ahead as he made his way down the hall. He wondered if the other students could tell he was different. He hadn't been different at his old school. But this school was in Verona Hills, and that meant the students were rich, which meant their parents had designed them to be genetically perfect or as perfect as possible. (Scientists were still learning about genes that made people tall, good looking, smart, and athletic.)

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Where Liana was from, the mermaids had tails in every color, just like the other creatures that lived in the coral reef. But here, the ocean colors were icy blue and white. The mermaids' tails were all white, too. They wore coats that made them look like polar bears.

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Lottie awoke choking on dirt. The sod ceiling had partially collapsed again. Well, better dirt than mud, which is what they slept in when it rained. She had heard that along riversides, people were building big log cabins. But here in the sea of grass, there wasn't a single tree to be chopped down for shelter.

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Fiction genres can include: realistic fiction, historical fiction, mystery, fantasy, and science fiction. Books within each genre share characteristics.

Miguel had studied all night for the math test. He'd hardly slept a wink. As he walked to school that morning, past the suburban homes and falling autumn leaves, an idea popped into his head. What if he simply pretended to be sick today? Then he'd have the entire day to study for the test. He'd take the exam tomorrow and ace it, but would he feel guilty about lying?

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