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Genre Graded Assignment

Directions: Read the descriptions of each of the following books. Identify the genre on the line below the description. Choose genres from the options in the box. Each genre will be used once!

Realistic Fiction	Fantasy	Mythology	Historical Fiction
Fable	Fairy Tale	Biography	Tall Tale
Autobiography	Folktale		

1.) ***The Basketball Player*** by Terry Rudder

Chris Bosworth has just moved from the farm to the city, and he may be the most awkward freshman in the history of high school. He is lanky, unfashionable, and his voice keeps changing pitch when the teacher calls on him in class. But when Chris starts playing for the school's underdog basketball team, things start to change for him in a big way.

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2.) ***Cordwood Pete*** retold and Illustrated by C.G. Mills

Mills retells the stories of Cordwood Pete, younger brother of Paul Bunyan. Unlike Paul, who grew to be a giant, Cordwood Pete was a mere 4 feet 9 inches. Pete's growth was stunted because he could never get enough to eat with Paul eating everything in site. But what Cordwood Pete lacked in size, he made up in speed. He was fast enough to cut 50 square miles of trees in a single day!

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3.) ***Odysseus' Long Trip Home*** retold by Ginger B. Miller

After the fall of Troy, Odysseus, hero of the Trojan War, and his men seek to return home. But after angering Poseidon, the God of the sea, the journey home is anything but smooth. Miller retells the epic story of Odysseus's voyage across the sea.

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4.) ***Sleeping Beauty*** retold by Brent Lansing

In Lansing's retelling of this classic story, a wicked fairy casts a spell that causes a princess to sleep for a hundred years. A young prince overcomes monsters and sorcery to save his beloved.

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5.) ***The Ant and the Grasshopper*** retold by Mr. Morton

One summer day the Grasshopper saw the Ant gathering food and said, "Hey, Ant, why don't you chill a bit?" The ant replied, "I've got work to do, and so do you. Winter's coming." The grasshopper said, "I'll do it later." Soon the icy grip of winter squeezed the fields and the grasshopper was hungry. He

knocked on the ant's door and the ant said, "You shouldn't have played around so much." Then he shut his window. *Work comes before play.*

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6.) ***Dragon Rangers*** by Pete Chrisoula

Urmaner was a poor farm boy who lost his parents in the Dragon Wars of Garth. Nobody in town respected him much, until he trained a rare silver dragon. Now he is the new leader of the Dragon Rangers. The fate of the world hinges on his ability to lead the Dragon Rangers against the evil Bat Riders of Bloodier. Will he succeed and save the world?

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7.) ***The Man Behind the Moon*** by Shelton Pacer

This book tells the true life story of Richard Proctor, who argued that in the 1870s that the dark spots on the Moon's surface were craters formed by asteroids, not volcanoes as previously believed.

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8.) ***Mr. Lincoln's Groceries*** by Curtis D. Davis

The year is 1835 and Bobby Pierce is working as a delivery boy at a local grocery store. One of his duties is to deliver groceries to a young state politician named Abraham Lincoln. The two get off to a rough start, but Soon Bobby learns the wisdom of Lincoln's ways. They learn to respect one another and each offers the other advice when it is needed most.

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9.) ***African Creation Story*** by Unknown

According to this African account of the world's creation, the Earth was once just darkness and water and it was ruled by the giant Mbombo. One day Mbombo felt some sharp pains in his stomach, which caused him to vomit the sun, moon, and stars. The sun's rays evaporated the water covering the Earth, which created clouds, and soon the dry hills emerged from the water. Still feeling some pains in his stomach, Mbombo vomited again, this time expelling the world's first man and woman, all of the animals, the trees, falling stars, the firmament, and lighting.

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10.) ***Out of this World: My Life as an Astronaut*** by Charles Powers

Charles Powers may not have been the first man on the Moon, but he did go to space. In this real life story written in his own words, Charles Powers describes his childhood, his college education, his time spent at NASA, and his big break which took him farther than he ever thought he would go.

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