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Reading: Literary Genres

Each sentence below describes a form of a fiction. Fill in each blank to name the form.

Realistic fiction	fable	historical fiction	myth
short story	folktale	science fiction	tall tale

1. It is not as long as a novel and can often be read in one sitting.

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2. It teaches a lesson about right and wrong and often includes talking animals.

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3. It is a story that has been told in a culture for many generations.

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4. It usually takes place in the future and often includes amazing inventions.

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5. It is a humorous story about the adventures of an American folk hero.

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Read the following short paragraphs. Then fill in the blank to name the form of fiction.

6. The snake began to hiss. "I will dry out this land," he said. After many years of the work, the snake had finally created Death Valley.

   This is a paragraph from _____

7. The clouds lifted over the Great Pyramid. The workers had finally finished building it. Ra-el looked at his father and smiled.

   This paragraph is an example of _____

8. Thomas felt great about the school play. He knew he was a very good actor and would probably get a big part. His parents and friends agreed.

   This is a paragraph of _____