



Literary works whose content is produced by the imagination and is not necessarily based on fact.

Fantasy

Fiction with strange or other worldly settings or characters; fiction which invites suspension of reality.

Folklore

Songs, stories, myths, and proverbs of a people or "folk" as handed down by word of mouth.



Story composed in verse or prose, usually for theatrical performance, where conflicts and emotion are expressed through dialogue and action.

Fable

Narration demonstrating a useful truth, especially in which animals speak as humans; legendary, supernatural tale.

Fairy Tale

Story about fairies or other magical creatures, usually for children.



Story with fictional characters and events in a historical setting.

Legend

Story, sometimes of a national or folk hero, that has a basis in fact but also includes imaginative material.

Mystery

Fiction dealing with the solution of a crime or the unraveling of secrets.



Legend or traditional narrative, often based in part on historical events, that reveals human behavior and natural phenomena by its symbolism; often pertaining to the actions of the gods.

Poetry

Verse and rhythmic writing with imagery that creates emotional responses.

Realistic Fiction

Story that is true to life.



Story based on impact of actual, imagined, or potential science, usually set in the future or on other planet.

Tall Tale

Humorous story with blatant exaggerations, swaggering heroes who do the impossible with nonchalance.

Biography

A true story about a real person.



A true story about by oneself.

Nonfiction

Factual information presented in a format which tells a story.

Essay

A short literary composition that reflects the author's outlook or point.

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