



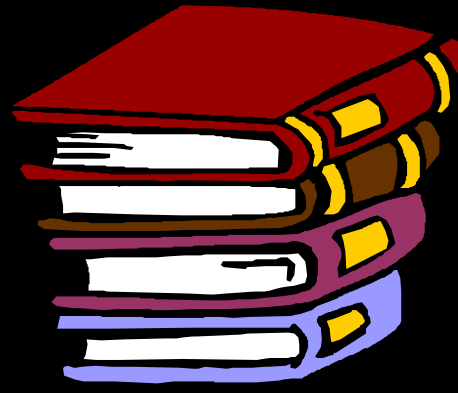
The Different Genres of Children's Literature



1. Always have elements that are made-up.
2. May be based on actual events or people.
3. May be totally made-up or **fictional**.



There are many different types or
different genres of fiction...



Historical Fiction

- Historical fiction books take place during a certain time in the past.
- Often the setting is real, and the characters are made-up or fictional.
- Sometimes the setting is fictional and the characters are real.





Mystery Fiction

- Usually realistic
- About a crime or unsolved event
- Not solved until the end of the book
- May be scary or suspenseful



Who Did It?



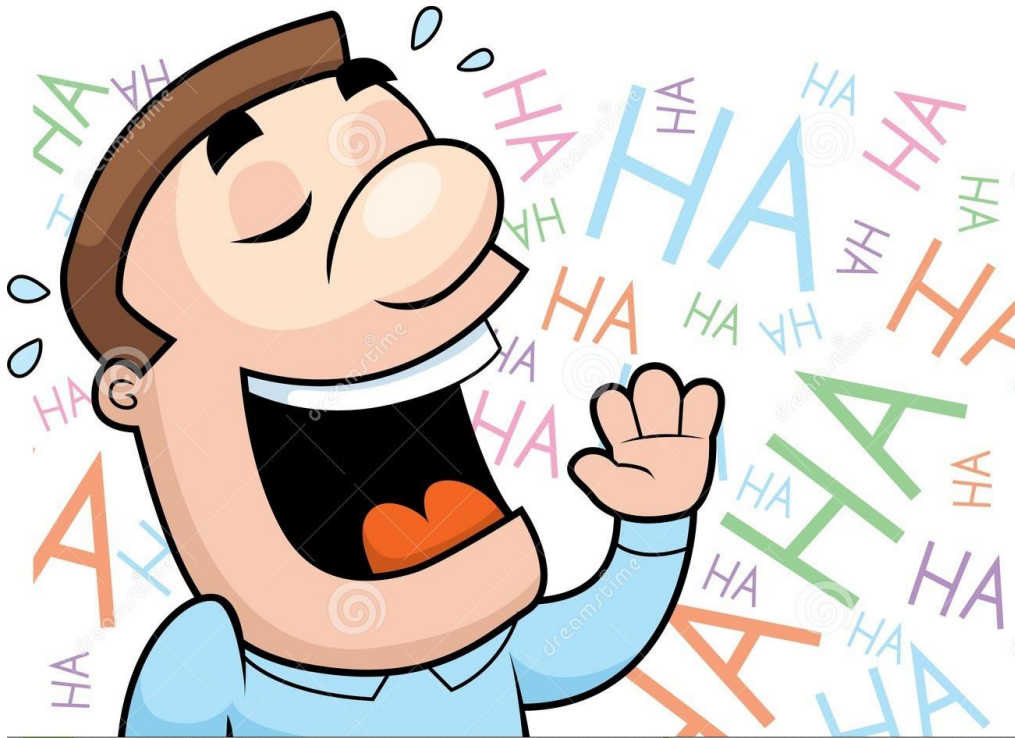
Horror Fiction

- A story with elements that may be scary.



HUMOR

- A funny story or book.

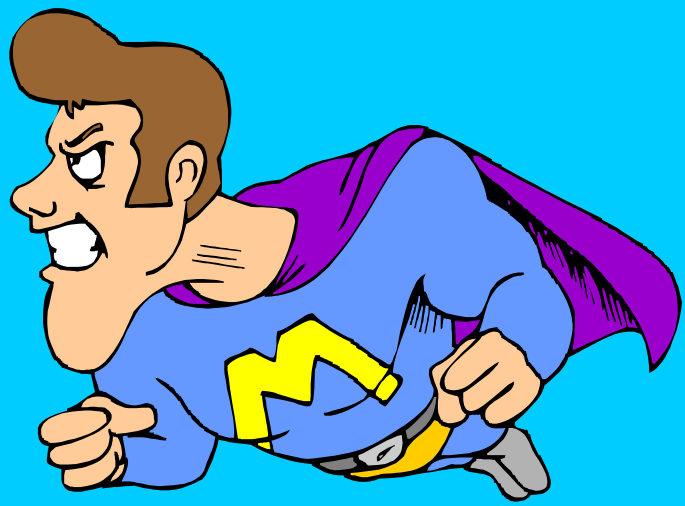


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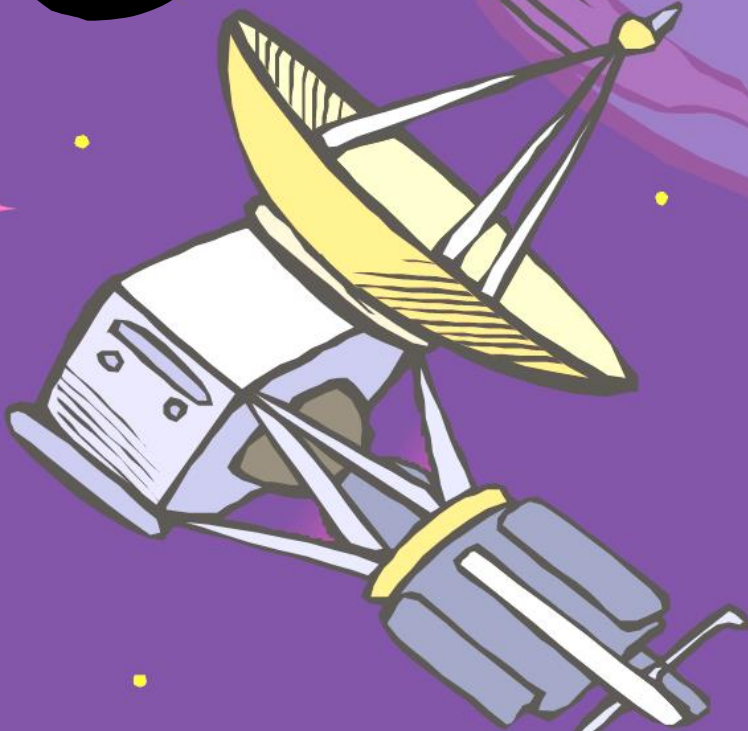
Fantasy

- Fantasy is completely made-up such as talking animals and magical powers.
- Contains no realistic elements



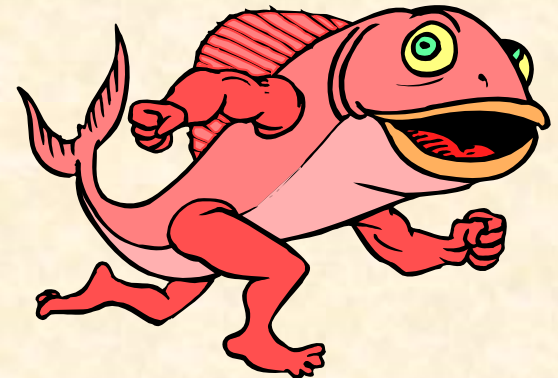
Science Fiction

- Futuristic Technology
- Scientific Facts
- Fictional Element



Folk Tales

- Folk Tales have no known creator.
- Passed down verbally
- Sometimes based on real people but the story is fictional.
- Include: Fairy Tales, Tall Tales and Fables.





Fairy Tales

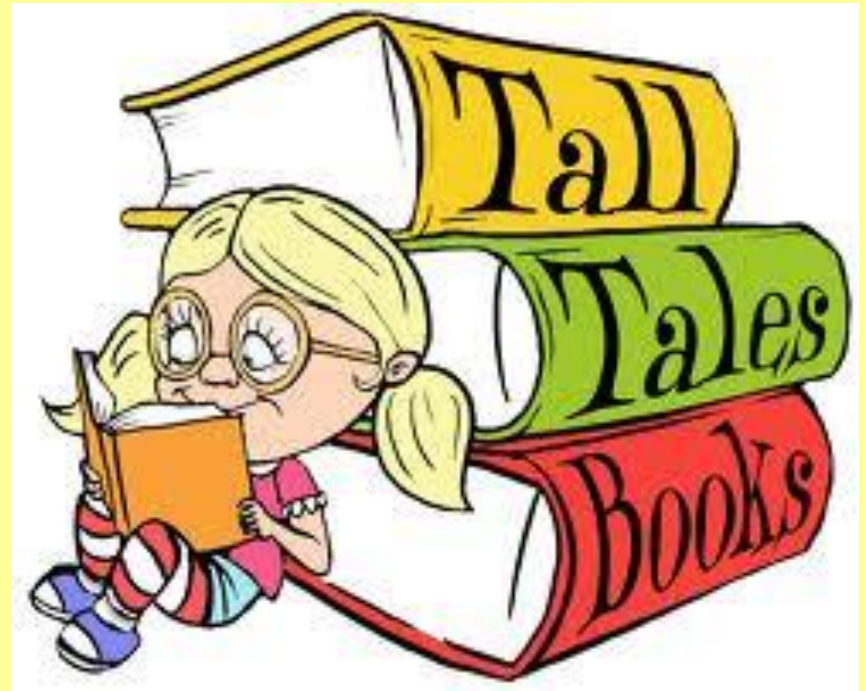
- Fairy Tales are folk tales about heroic deeds.
- They are stories created to teach children how to behave in a way they find amusing.
- Typically include magic and happy endings.



and they **LIVED**
HAPPILY ever after



- Tall Tales are Folk Tales but the character is "bigger" than life.



Examples:

- Pecos Bill
- Paul Bunyan
- Johnny Appleseed



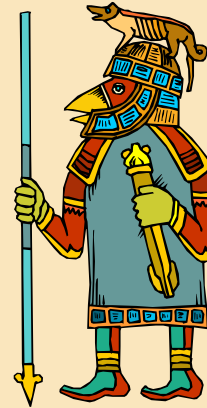
- Fables are Folk Tales
- It's a story that tries to teach the reader a lesson.
- Usually have animal characters that act human.

Aesop's Fables are the most popular.



Myths

- Usually explains how the world started
- Gods and supernatural beings are involved in these stories.





History

Non-fiction

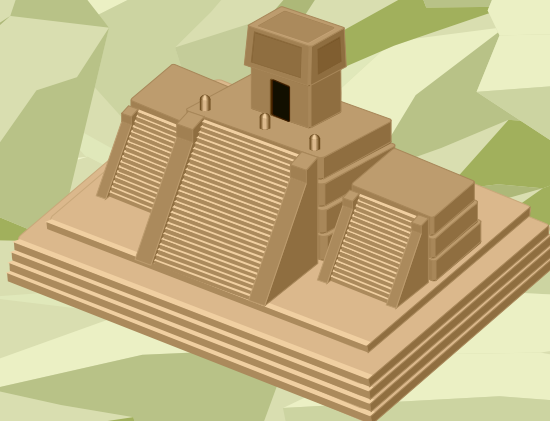
- *All proven facts*
- *Nothing is made-up*
- *Can be about any subject*



Weather



Plants



Architecture



Art



People

Biography

- A story about a real person written by someone else
- Usually about the person's life or something the person has done

Autobiography

- A story someone writes about themselves

Written in
verse in a
way that
makes the
reader feel
emotions.

May or may
not rhyme.

May be
fictional or
based on
facts.



Poetry



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