

Genre Definitions

ABC book - An **Alphabet book** is a book primarily designed for young children. It presents letters of the alphabet with corresponding words and/or images.

Adapted children's book- an example is instead of, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, it might be, If You Give a Baby a Pacifier.

Biographical sketch - A short biographical sketch would be about a person's basic information about their life. Included would be things like birth date and place, given name at birth, marriages, children, and date of death if the person is not still living. Then describe key points in the person's life such as for what they are known, or their greatest accomplishments.

Fable/Parable - A short allegorical story making a moral point; a fable traditionally utilizes animal characters that speak and act like human beings; parables traditionally utilize human characters to teach a moral

Fairy Tale- "fanciful tale of legendary deeds and creatures, usually intended for children."

Graphic story –Comic book

Legend – An unverified story handed down from earlier times, especially one popularly believed to be historical.

Mystery - a book, film or play, especially about a crime or a murder, with a surprise ending which explains all the strange events that have happened

Original tale – student created narrative or expository (to inform, explain, describe, or define the author's subject)

Personal Narrative- a personal account that offers details, analysis, and a personal opinion from a particular happening or event

Poem – compositions in verse

Non-fiction Social Studies - It gives information around a social studies topic (history or geography). It explains, informs, or persuades.

Non-fiction Science- It gives information around a science topic. It explains, informs, or persuades.

Non-fiction Math - It gives mathematical information. It explains, informs, or persuades.

Non-fiction Language Arts - It gives information that does not fit in the other nonfiction genres. It explains, informs, or persuades. (Ex: A How To Book)