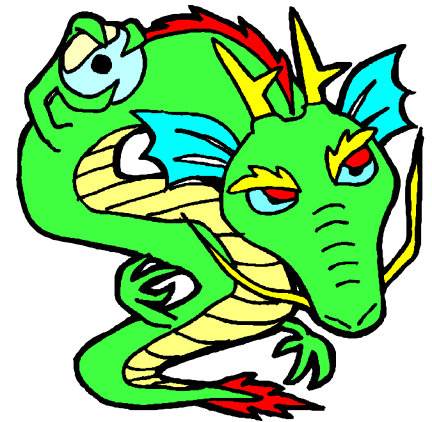


Fairy Tale

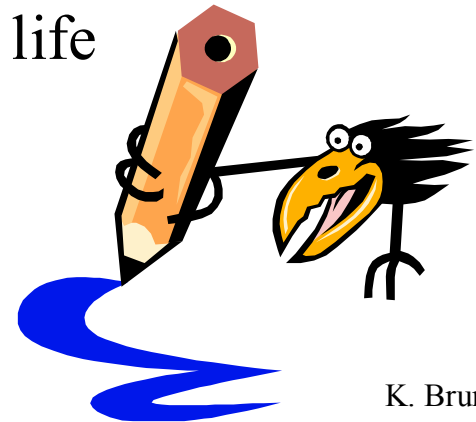
- Beginning phrase such as “Once upon a time” or “Once there was”
- Setting in a faraway or imaginary land
- Imaginary characters, such as witches, dragons, fairies, and giants
- Characters that are royal such as, kings, queens, princes, and princess
- Things happening or appearing in threes
- A difficult problem solved at the end
- A granting of wishes
- The use of magical powers
- A happy ending where good wins over evil





Fantasy

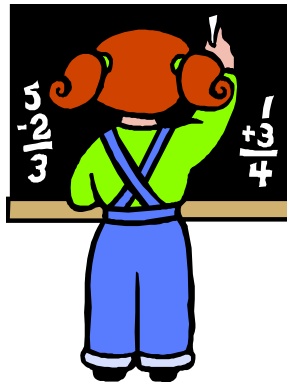
- People, animals, or things are able to do things they could not do in real life
- Things happen that could not happen in real life
- Story takes place in a make-believe place that does not exist in the real world
- Story has creatures in it that are not found in real life



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Biography and Autobiography

- A biography written about one person's life by another person
- A autobiography is written by a person about his or her own life
- Both tell important information about a person's life
- Both tell how a person talks, feels, and thinks about things
- Either may be a person's whole life or part of their life
- Events are told in order or chronologically



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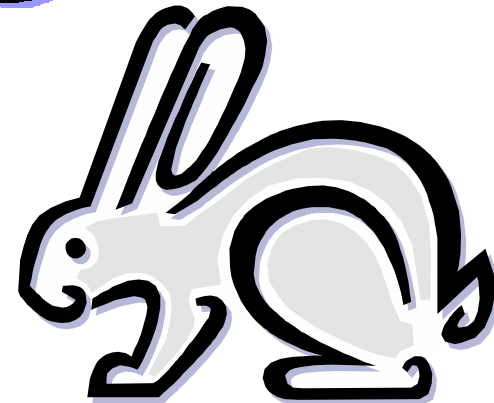
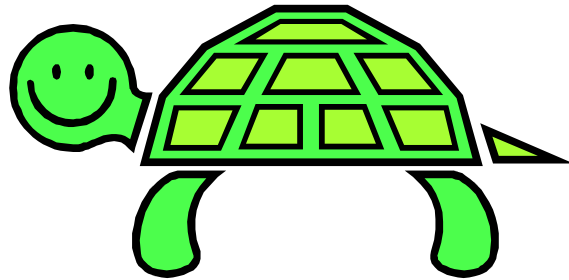
Folk Tale



- A story that has been told and retold over generations
- Different countries have similar folk tales
- Folk tales often begin “Once upon a time” or “Long ago and far away”
- Characters can be animals or objects that speak
- The story often teaches a lesson or moral
- Good or smart wins over evil or stupid
- The story is told using the words *he*, *she*, or *it*
- Actions and words are often repeated
- The story has an exciting high point at the end

Fable

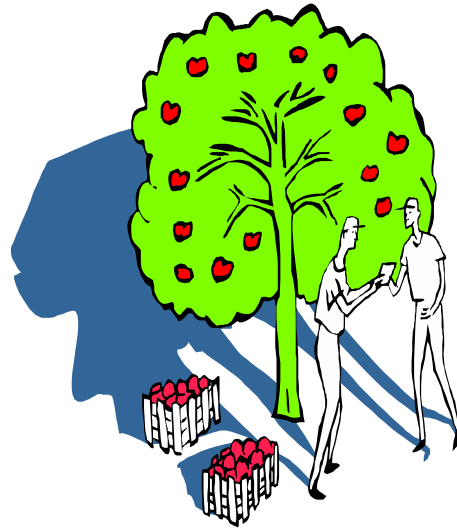
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- Stories are very short
- Stories usually have two or three characters
- The characters may be animals or things that act like people
- Fables teach a lesson or moral

Legend

- A story of a hero, such as Robin Hood and Johnny Appleseed
- May be based on facts, but the hero and his action are bigger than life
- The story is told and retold



Realistic Fiction

- Characters do things that real people and animals might do
- Places in the story are real or seem real
- The story tells about things that could really happen

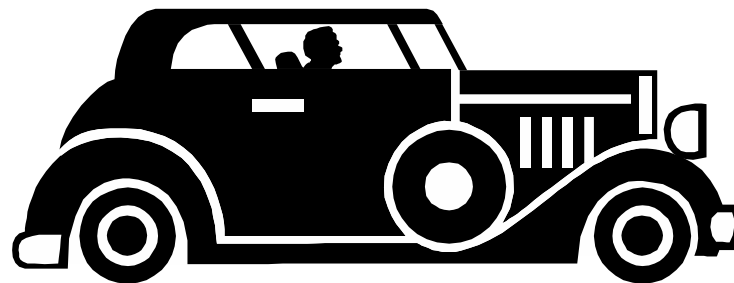


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Historical Fiction



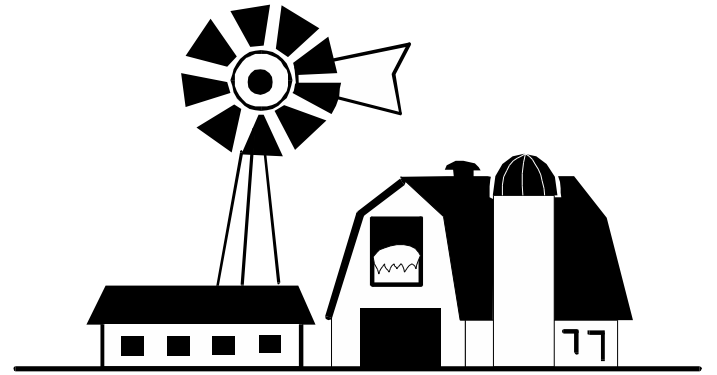
- Story takes place sometime in the past
- Events or problems in the story are from that time
- Characters talk, dress, and act like people of that time
- Real things that happened or real people who lived at the time may be in the story





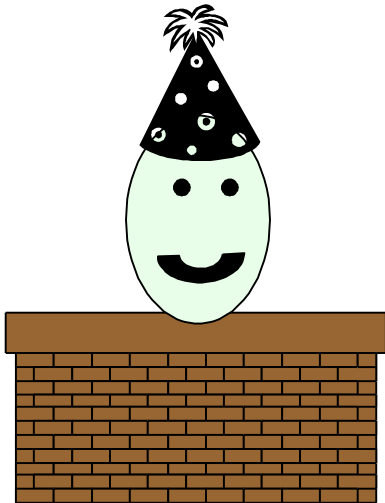
Expository Text

- Gives information
- Tells people something
- Uses facts about real events and people
- Presents information in a clear way
- Gives events in order in which that happen
- May be organized by topic
- May use diagrams, photographs, and other illustrations
- Information presented can be checked using other sources, i.e. newspapers, encyclopedias



Poetry

A special kind of writing in which sounds and the Meaning of the words are combined to create ideas And meanings.



Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

Play/Drama



- Has a list that names and describes the characters
- Descriptions of scenes or settings
- Dialogue or lines that the characters speak to one another
- Stage directions giving more details about what is happening on stage