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Characteristics of Realistic Fiction



- The setting is real.
- The characters are people.
- There is a problem in the story and a realistic solution.
- The author sometimes uses I, me, or my to tell the story from a first person perspective.

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Frindle
by Andrew Clements
Double Fudge
by Judy Blume

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READING GENRES

24 Classroom Anchor Charts

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TIME-SAVING

These anchor charts are seriously **READY-TO-PRINT**. You won't have to spend hours after school or at home creating anchor charts for your lessons.

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Not only will these anchor charts help your students understand the different reading genres, but these charts will help you be a more effective teacher. You can use the language on the anchor charts to help teach your reading lessons on genre in a clear and concise way.

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You can use these anchor charts in a variety of ways. Use them to model and teach a new skill. Give students a copy for their journals. Hang a copy by your classroom library. You can even send a copy home to parents so they know what you're teaching at school.

Informational

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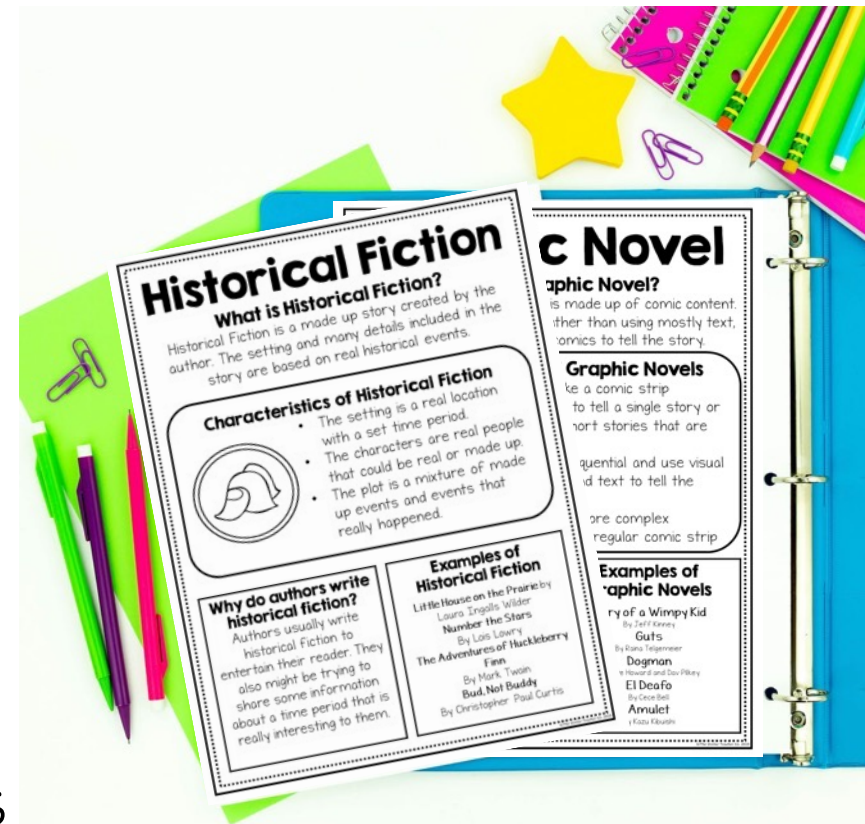
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- Historical Fiction • Horror • Humor • Informational • Legend
- Memoir • Mystery • Myth • Nonfiction • Poetry
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CHARTS ARE CLEAR & CONCISE

Student-friendly
definition of each genre

Provides a list of attributes
of each genre

Explains why authors write
this genre and shares a list of
books in that genre.

You can also print a fill-in
version so students can take
their own notes.

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- Includes figurative language

Types of Poems: Free Verse, Haiku, Acrostic, Limerick, Narrative, Cinquain

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Examples of Poetry Books

- Where the Sidewalk Ends
By Shel Silverstein
- It's Raining Pigs and Fish
By Jack Prelutsky
- Vile Verses
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- The Llama Who Sings
By Maryann Heisterkamp

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Fairy Tale

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A fairy tale is a type of folktale. Fairytales often tell a story of good vs. evil that involve magic and royal characters.

Characteristics of Fairy Tales

- Begins with "Once upon a time..." and ends with "They lived happily ever after..."
- Takes place in far away places.
- Characters are often kings and queens.
- Has both good and evil characters.



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Authors write fairy tales to entertain their readers. Fairy tales are classic stories that get told over and over again. When an author writes a fairy tale, they are adding their spin on a traditional story to entertain their readers.

Examples of Fairy Tales

Cinderella
By Marcia Brown
Rapunzel
By Paul O. Zelinsky
Rumpelstiltskin
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Peter Pan
By J.M. Barrie
Alice in Wonderland
By Lewis Carroll

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Characteristics of Historical Fiction

- The setting is a real location with a set time period.
- The characters are real people that could be real or made up.
- The plot is a mixture of made up events and events that really happened.



Why do authors write historical fiction?

Authors usually write historical fiction to entertain their reader. They also might be trying to share some information about a time period that is really interesting to them.

Examples of Historical Fiction

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

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Graphic Novel

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A graphic novel is a book that is made up of comic content. It is written like a novel but rather than using mostly text, graphic novels use mostly comics to tell the story.

Characteristics of Graphic Novels

- Formatted like a comic strip
- Uses comics to tell a single story or a series of short stories that are connected.
- Comics are sequential and use visual art, dialogue and text to tell the story.
- It is a longer more complex storyline than a regular comic strip



Why do authors write graphic novels?

Graphic novels are written to entertain the reader. The author uses comics and illustrations to tell the story of a novel. This style of writing can be appealing to students who haven't enjoyed reading in the past.

Examples of Graphic Novels

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Guts by Dana Teegenauer
Dogman by Kate DiCamillo and Drew Wiskey
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Amulet by Kazuo Kobayashi

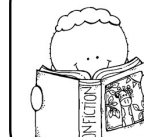
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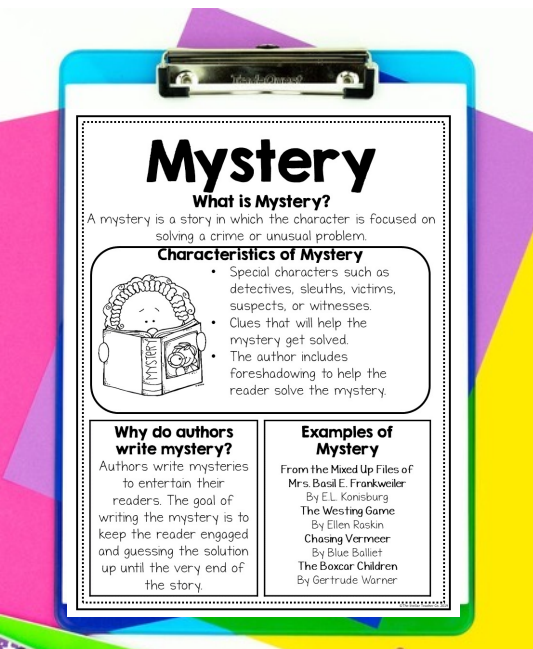
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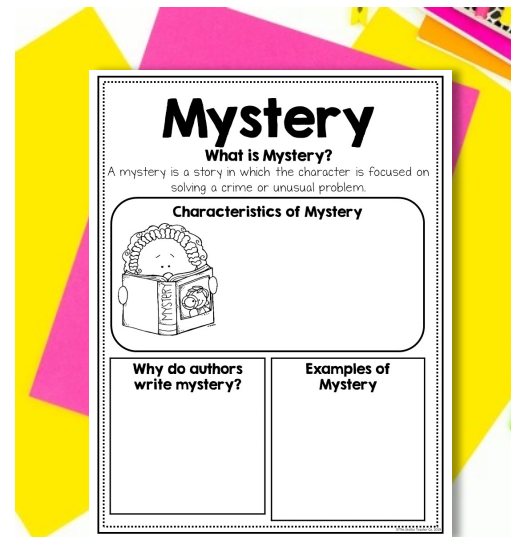
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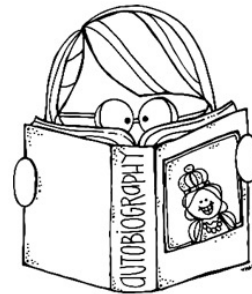
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- All the events are true.

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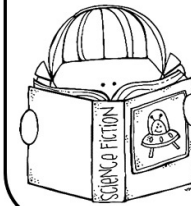


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