

## LITERARY GENRES

A **genre** is a particular type of literature.

### Poetry

Many poems have a rhythm and a meter.

Rhythm is the pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables.

Meter is the measured arrangement of words in the lines or verses in a poem.

There are many types of poems, such as haikus, ballads, sonnets, free verse, and limericks.

Poems do not always need to rhyme.

### Drama

A **drama** is a play performed on stage.

A play is a story that is acted out on stage.



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### Letters

There are many types of letters, and

persuasive letters.

A friendly letter is a personal letter written to a friend or family member.

There are several parts of a friendly letter:

Heading - your return address and the date you are writing letter

Greeting - your greeting, saying hello (Example: Dear Sarah,)

Body - your main message of your letter

Closing - your ending, saying good bye (Example: Sincerely,)

Signature - signing your name, so the receiver knows who sent the letter

A business letter is a formal letter used to write a business or company.

A persuasive letter is a letter in which the writer tries to convince the reader to do or believe something.

## Advertisements

Advertisements try to persuade you to buy a certain product.

You may see advertisements in newspapers, magazines, among many other places.

Advertisements sometimes stretch the truth or exaggerate to make whatever it is they are selling seem more appealing. They often use large, colorful pictures to grab the reader's attention.

## Historical Fiction

**Historical fiction** books are those that give a historically accurate portrayal of life during a particular time in history while telling a story using fictional characters.

Historical fiction books contain accurate facts or dates.

## Biography

A **biography**

If you decide to read a biography, you can learn about your friend, the



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## Autobiographies

An **autobiography** is the story of a person's life, written by him or herself.

If you wrote a book about the story of your life, your book would be an autobiography.