

TEACHER RESOURCE: GENRE ANCHOR CHART

Notes to teacher: Use this resource to guide the development of a class anchor chart. The features below are just examples, let your students choose the exact wording. You and your students will choose the titles to list as examples. You may even want to use images of book covers.

Genre	Features	Examples
Fiction		
Realistic Fiction	A made up story, but it could actually happen in real life.	
Fantasy	A made up story that could not happen in real life. May include things like magic or talking animals.	
Mystery	A story that involves a crime or other puzzling situation. The author provides clues so the reader can try to find the solution to the problem.	
Science Fiction	A made up story, may be set in the future or in the past and often involves time travel. Often includes technology that may or may not exist yet.	
Historical Fiction	A story based on real events in the past, and set during a particular historical time period.	
Traditional Literature (Fables, Myths, Folk Tales, Fairy Tales)	A story that has been passed down over many years, usually by word of mouth. Often has a message or lesson to learn, or explains phenomena in life.	
Non-Fiction		
Biography	The story of a person's life, told by another person.	
Auto-Biography	The story of a person's life, told by that person in first person point-of-view.	
Informational	Written for a specific purpose, to inform the reader about a particular subject.	