

# GENRE

# Challenge

Grades 3 – 8

Read one book per genre and record your thoughts on the sheet. Finish the **10 books** in total and receive a canvas tote bag, a small prize, and a book in the library collection dedicated to you! You can read books at your own pace. The last day to turn in a genre challenge is **May 31st**. When you finish, please turn the packet in at the Youth Services Desk. Books read for school count!

Name:

Grade:

Phone:

parent or guardian phone number

E-Mail:

This email address will be contacted once your personalized prize is ready for pickup.

## Reasons to try the genre challenge:

- It's **eye-opening** to read books you may not have considered reading before
- It's **fun** to earn prizes for reading!
- You can read at your own pace. **No pressure!**

prizes!

## Kid Librarian

Would you like to learn more about becoming a kid librarian for a week? More information is coming soon.

Yes!

No thank you



## What is a genre?

A genre is a collection of artistic works that have similarities in how they tell stories.



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## Historical Fiction

Historical fiction is a part of realistic fiction. The setting is usually in a time period that has already happened. While real events take place, the characters experiencing these events are either made up or it is the author's interpretation of how historical figures would have reacted.

Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? What historical period did you read about?

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## Humor

Humor is a part of realistic fiction. While characters can be funny in any genre, humor fiction takes it one step further to make you laugh. The problem and solution are usually extremely ridiculous. Humorous stories usually have a fast, but simple, plot.



Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Did you laugh out loud?

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What should I look for in a book that can tell me what genre it is?

Books have five different components that you can study to determine the genre: characters, plot, setting, problem, and solution.



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## Adventure Fiction

Adventure fiction is a part of realistic fiction. This genre tends to center on journeys or survival stories. There can be mystery, but the book's central problem or solution involves a change in setting. The plot usually moves quickly.

Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Did the author do a good job keeping the story exciting? \_\_\_\_\_

## Spooky or Horror Fiction

Spooky fiction is meant to give you goosebumps. Authors can do this by changing any of the central 5 aspects of a novel. Typical examples are a haunted house (setting), ghosts (characters), or the book occurs over a short time (plot).



Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Would you read a scary story again? \_\_\_\_\_



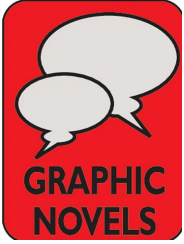
What does "plot" mean?

Plot is the sequence of events in a book. Most novels start slowly, then work up to an important moment (climax), and then wind the action down.



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## Graphic Novels

Graphic novels usually, but not all the time, start off as comics. Then numbers 1, 2, 3, etc. are all placed together into one graphic novel. Graphic novels use panels and detailed art to tell their story. Graphic novels are not necessarily a genre of fiction (though they can be).

Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Did you like the style of artwork?

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## Biographies

Biographies are not fiction. They focus on a person who is living or has lived. Sometimes biographies can even be written by the person that is the subject of the book. When that happens it is called an autobiography.



Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

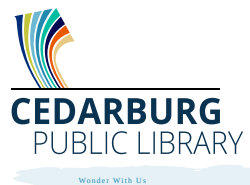
What did you think? Did you have anything in common with the person?

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### Why these books?

Graphic novels and biographies are important book formats. "Format" is how the book is arranged. Graphic novels use panels while biographies use a timeline of a person's life.



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## Science Fiction (Sci-Fi)

Science fiction centers on one question: what if...? They are rooted in science fundamentals and imagine what the future could look like. Setting can be in literal outer space or it can take place on earth with advanced technology. Characters can be humans or living beings from other planets.

Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Was any technology featured in the story?

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## Fantasy

Fantasy contains no realistic boundaries. It has magic, witches, wizards, elves, and sometimes a kid who has beyond-normal abilities. Years ago, fantasy took place in alternate worlds and realities. Now fantasy can happen anywhere, any place, any time.



Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Did you like the fantasy world the author created?

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Aren't sci-fi and fantasy just about elves and aliens??

Sci-fi's and fantasy's greatest strength is that they can discuss themes in any way the author wants. This can help you see life in a different way.



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## Realistic Fiction

Realistic fiction are events that can happen in your day to day life. Many of the genres listed above are under Realistic Fiction's umbrella. For this challenge, select a book that is absent of any of the elements of the genres above.

Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Did you relate to the main character in some way?



## Mystery

Mysteries are a part of realistic fiction. They usually involve a detective, a crime or puzzle that needs to be solved, and suspense. Suspense is when you are not sure what will happen next, but you can't wait to find out. They can be quick reads but the plot is planned to the tiniest detail.

Title of Book You Read: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you think? Was the ending a big surprise? Or, did you find enough clues along the way to figure out what might happen?

**That's it! Challenge complete!**

Bring this packet to the library and receive your prize. You can complete this challenge again and add to your book lists. However, you will not receive a prize for the second time.

