READING GENRES

FANTASY

a story that is not possible and may include talking animals or magical powers

MYSTERY

a suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story

SCIENCE FICTION

a type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time travel, machines)

REALISTIC FICTION

a story that uses fictional characters, but could happen

POETRY

verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader; it often uses rhythm and rhyme

INFORMATIONAL

texts that provide facts about a variety of topics

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

the story of a real person's life that is written by that person

BIOGRAPHY

the story of a real person's life that has been written by another person

HISTORICAL FICTION

a fictional story that takes place in a specific time period; often the setting is real, but the characters are made up

TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

stories that are passed down from one group to another; (includes fairy tales, folk tales, myths, fables and legends)