

Genres of Literature

Vocabulary



This is a word that
describes how something
sounds.



*Vroooooom Vroooooom went
the loud car.*

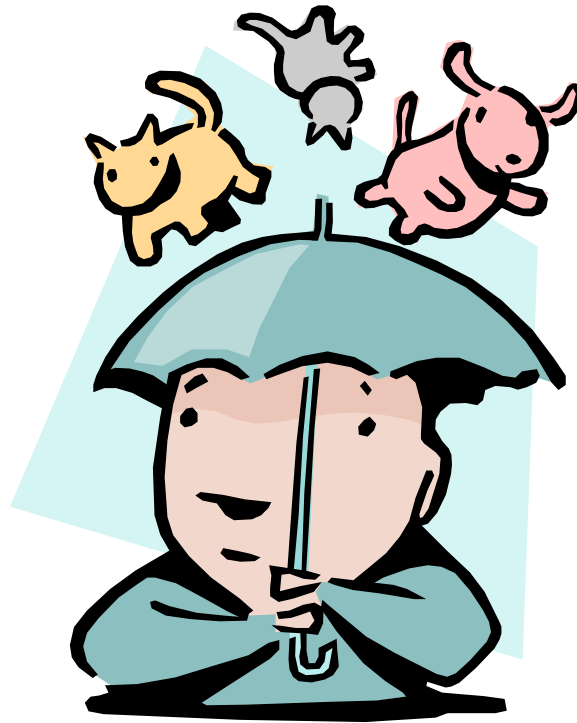
Onomatopoeia

This is a silly expression
that has a meaning that is
NOT literal.



Example: *It is raining cats
and dogs.*

Idiom



This is a type of figurative language that uses exaggeration for effect.

Example: *Opal talked so much her beak fell off.*



Hyperbole

This is what we call a
particular type or
category of literature,

*(biography, informational,
and fantasy are a few
examples).*

Genre



This is an implied
comparison.

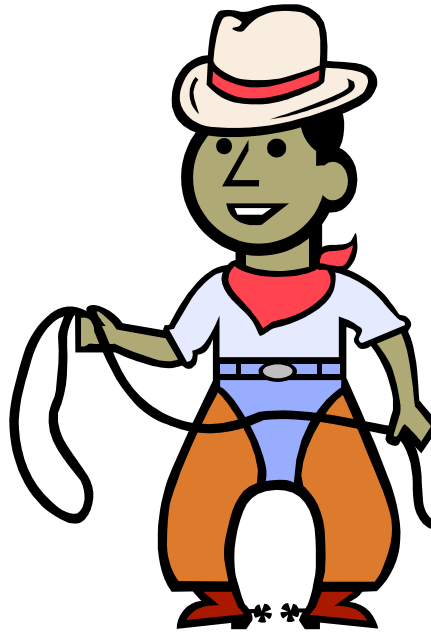
Example: You ARE the
wind beneath my wings.

Metaphor



This is a story based on real people and their marvelous deeds.

Tall Tales are examples of these.

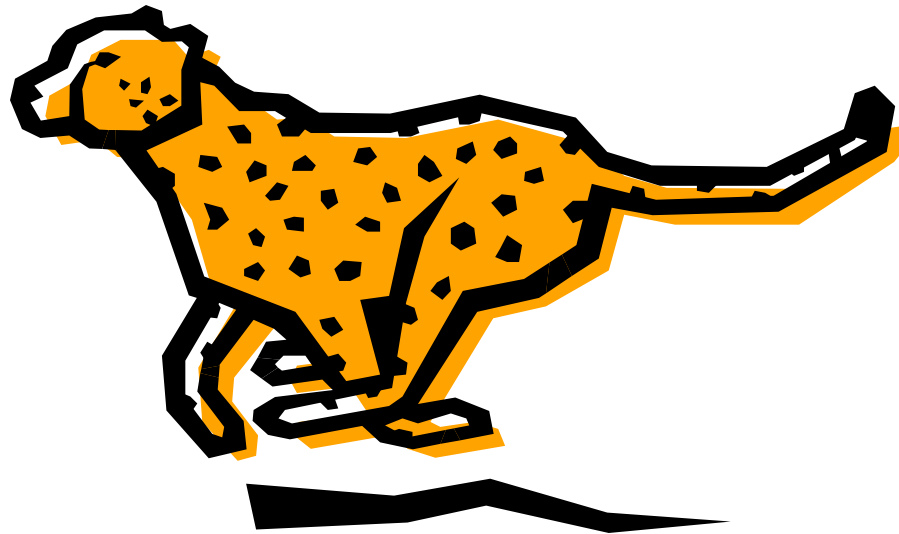


Legend

This is a comparison that
uses LIKE or AS.

Example: He was AS fast
AS a cheetah.

Simile



A type of folk tale that contains elements of magic or enchantment of characters, plots, or settings.

Talking mirrors, hundred-year naps, and enchanted forests belong in this genre.

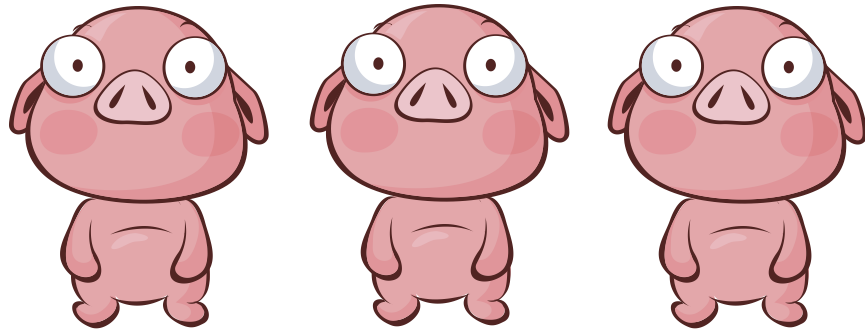
Fairy Tales



"You are the
Fairest"

These are stories in which events can NOT happen in the real world. These stories are written by known authors and were not passed down through generations by story tellers like fairy tales were.

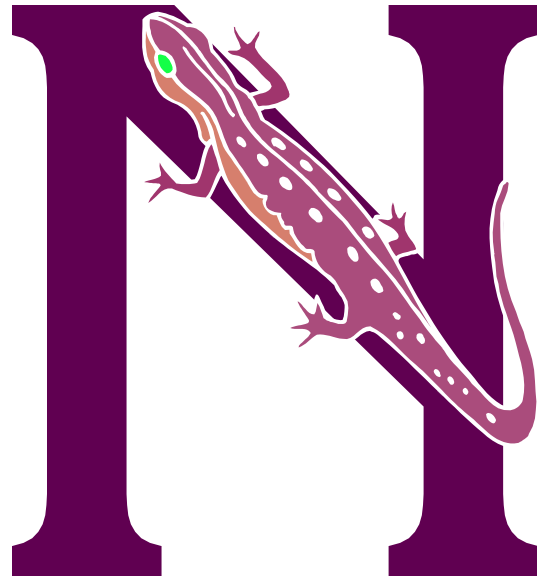
Fantasy



A sentence that has the same beginning consonant sounds repeated.

Example: *Nine nautical newts navigated near Norway.*

Alliteration



Giving human qualities to an object or animal.

Mrs. Potts and chip (the teapot) are examples.



Personification

Stories that explain the creation of the world and events in nature.

The Greeks and Romans are most famous for these kinds of stories.

Myths



A simple story that has a lesson and the main characters are usually animals. Aesop is most famous for writing these kinds of stories.

Fables



A true story
about someone's
life written by
someone else.

Biography

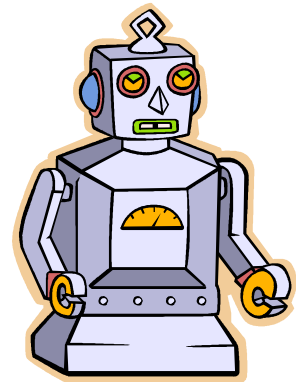


A special type of fantasy
that includes or is based
on scientific principles.

*(Stories about spaceships or
robots would be in this genre)*



Science Fiction



Writing that has a
rhythmic pattern
and expresses
feelings.

Poetry



A story about one
event in your life.
It is NOT about
your entire life.

Memoir



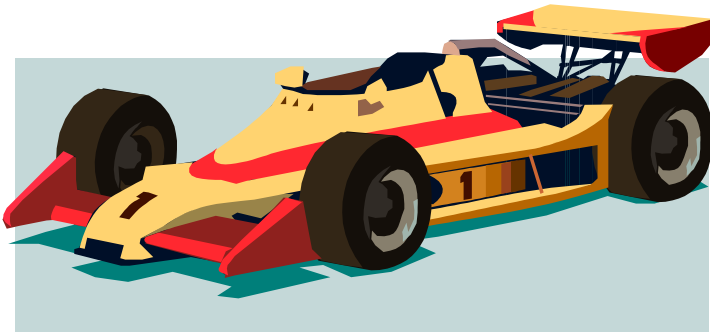
A made up story
based on facts from
the past or an
historical event.

Historical Fiction



A true story about
your life that *you*
wrote.

Autobiography



Facts and Ideas about a
real topic.

*(Text books and newspapers belong
in this genre)*

Informational



A made up story
about something
that **COULD** really
happen.

Realistic Fiction

