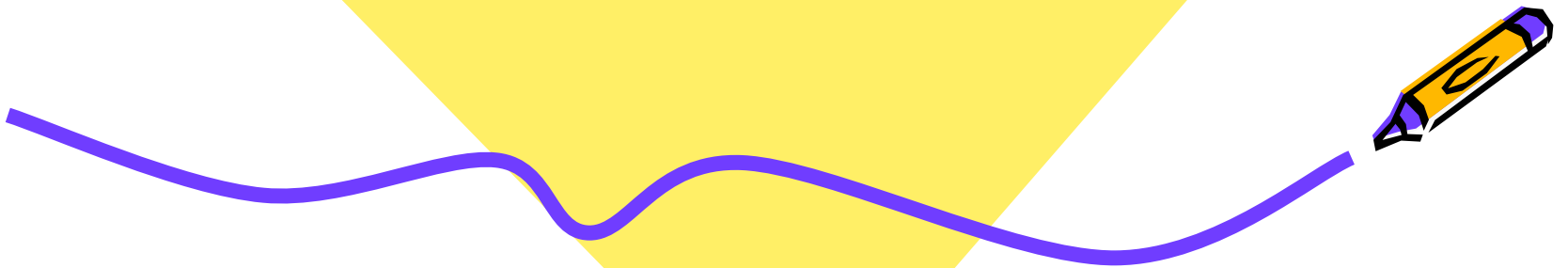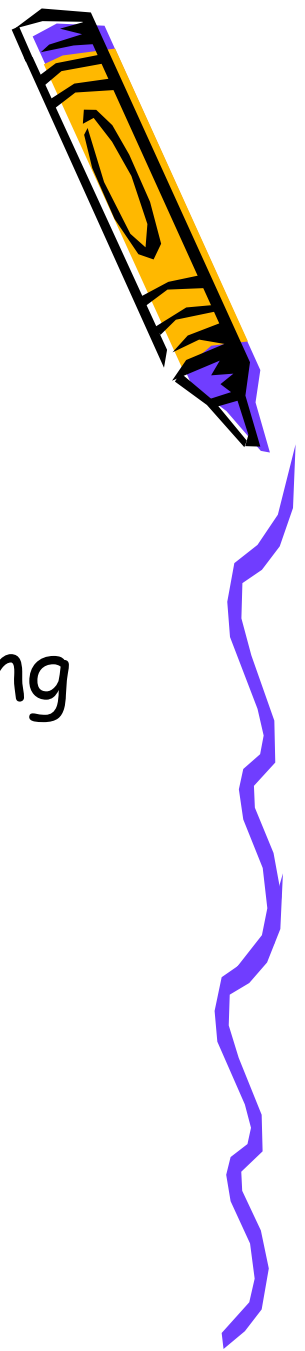# Informational Writing

What is it?

Definition:

- Nonfiction text (real, not just "realistic")
- Used to inform or explain something to the reading audience
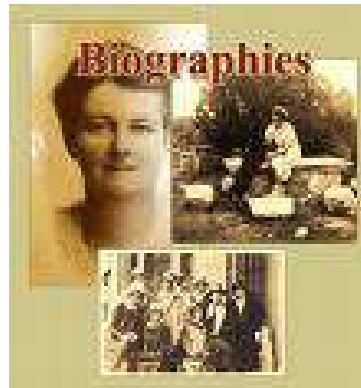- Many different types…
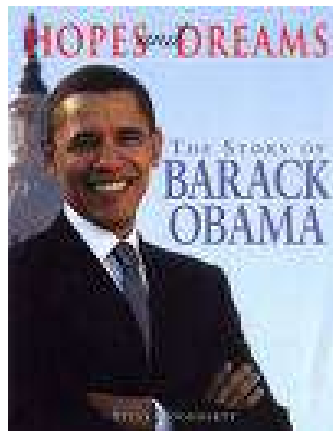
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- **Newspapers** - a daily or weekly publication on folded sheets; contains news and articles and advertisements
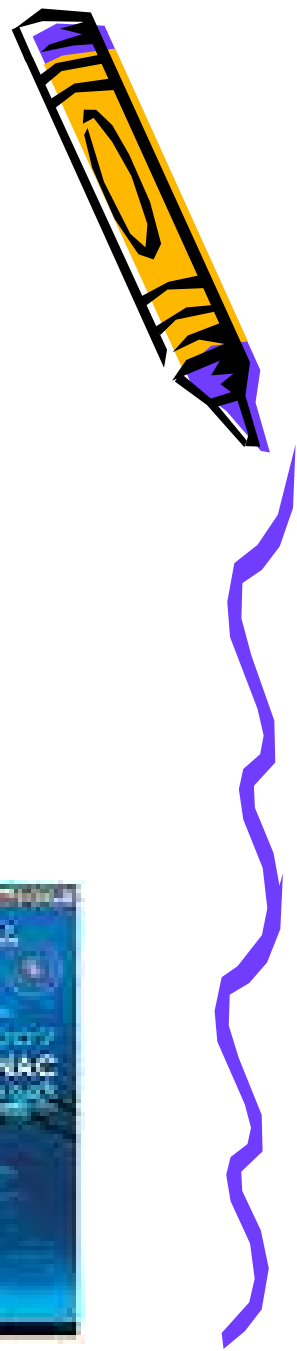
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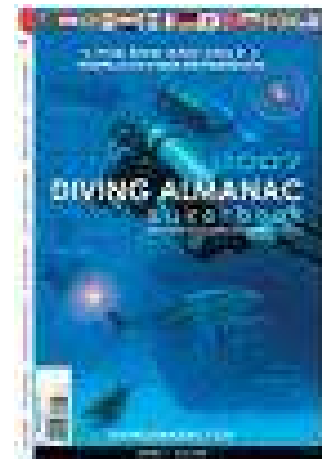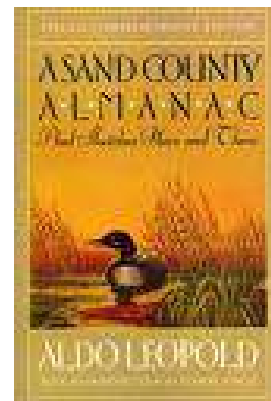- **Biographies** - accounts of the series of events of a person's life (not *Bibliographies*)

- **Autobiographies** - biographies of yourself

Examples of informational texts:

- **Almanacs** – annual publications of weather forecasts and other information arranged according to the calendar of a given year

Examples of informational texts:

- **Magazines** - periodic publications containing pictures, stories, and articles of interest to those who purchase or subscribe to it

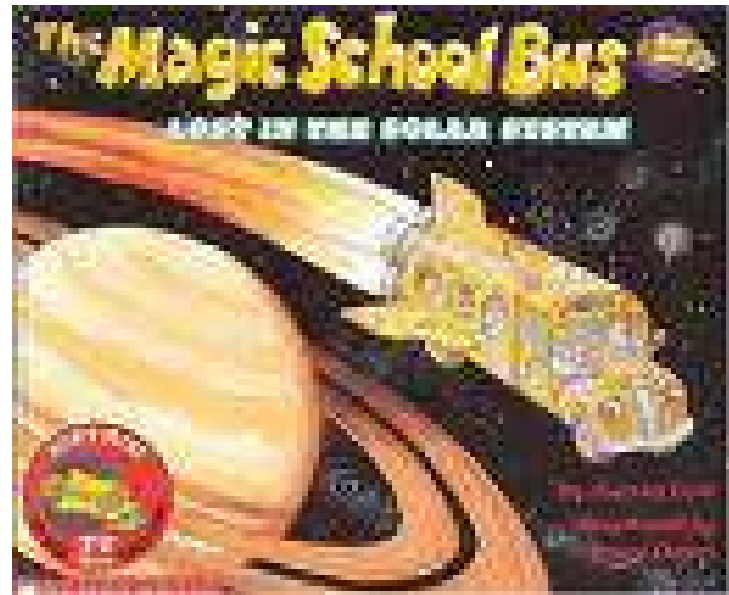QUESTION: Are ALL Magazines informational??
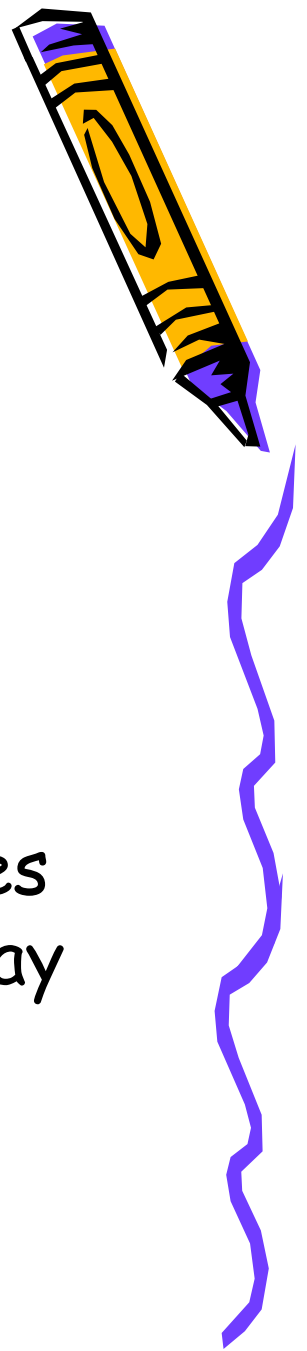
- NO! ...at least not all sections

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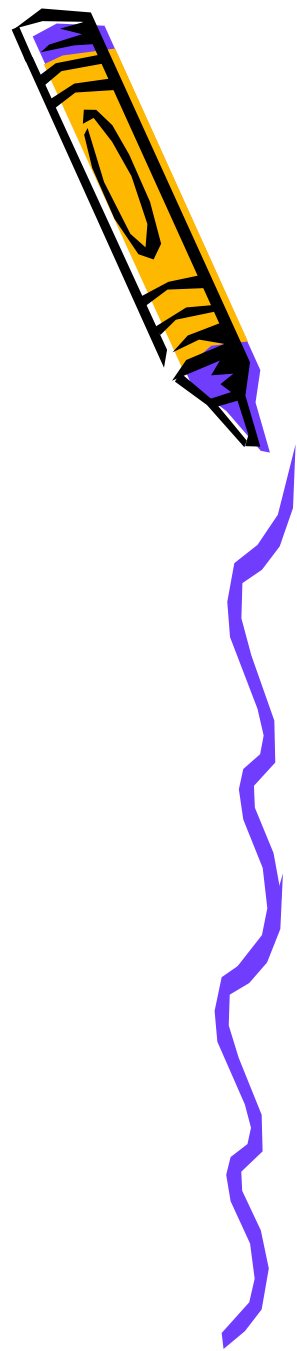
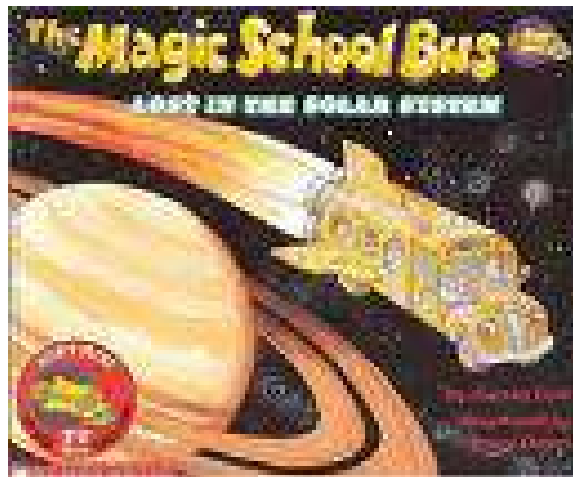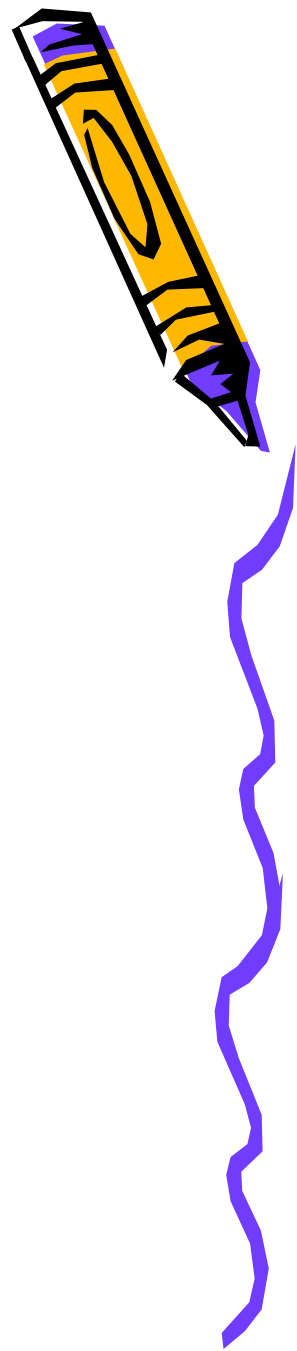# Let's see if it fits our requirements…

- Is it used to inform or explain something to the reading audience?

- Is it nonfiction?

- YES!

- No, BUT… it uses fiction to portray fact

Is it informational?

YES!!

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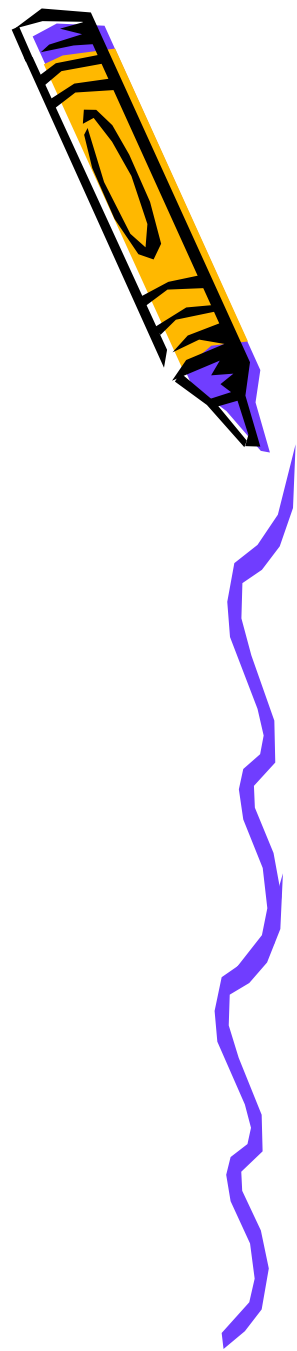WOMAN MARRIES A SHARK!

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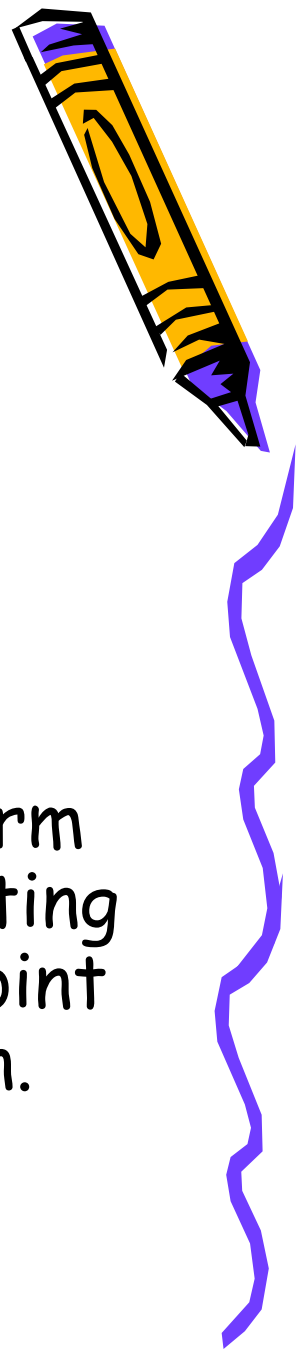
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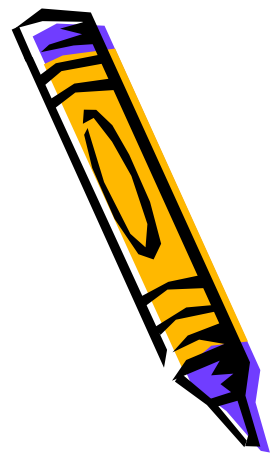
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How is an informational text different from other writing?

- Informational writing is factual while fiction writing is not.

- Informational writing is written to inform or explain something while fictional writing often is a story conveying an authors point of view or is written simply to entertain.

How is informational text similar to other types of writing?

- Just as in fictional writing, it is important to consider your audience

- Just as in fictional writing, it is important to have a focused purpose to your writing

Let's look at some examples!