

Purpose: To introduce you to a variety of literature and give you a taste of what is out there to read.

How to taste a book

Look at the cover

- Title- why do you think *this* is the final name for the book?
- Author- Do you recognize them?
- $\circ~$ Design of the cover
- Is there an illustrator?

How to taste a book

Look at the book jacket (if there is one)

- Summary of the story- inside cover or back
- Reviews from critics
- Awards the book has won
- Additional graphics that go with the title
- Other books by the author

How to taste a book

- Look at illustrations
 - Go on a "picture walk"
 - Chapter books still may have illustrations at the beginning of chapters



Hor-d'oeuvres

Traditional Literature

Stories that have been passed down overtime throughout history.

Examples: folklore, myths, legends, fairy tales, fables, tall tales

Soup

Poetry and Literature-in-verse

Poetry is literature writing that uses rhyme, a rhythm, and/or poetic devices to express emotions

Literature-in-verse are single stories written in stanza and verse

Appetizer

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Fantasy books are fictional stories with an imaginative or unrealistic settings and/or characters

Science fiction books are fantasy stories typically set in a futuristic setting with advanced technology.

Salad

Informational, Biography, Autobiography Informational books are nonfiction pieces of literature that gives factual information about a topic.

Biographies are nonfiction texts written about a person.

Autobiographies are nonfiction texts written by a person about themselves.

Mystery, Realistic Fiction, and Historical Fiction

- Mystery stories are books where there is a lot of suspense, a mystery to be solved, and unexpected events.
- Realistic fiction books are made up stories that include realistic details that could happen. The characters, settings, and conflicts are believable.
- Historical fiction books take place during a real historical time or event but the characters are usually fictional.

Dessert

Graphic Novels and Manga

Graphic novels are cartoon drawings and storylines that make up an entire book.

Manga are Japanese cartoon drawings and storylines that make up an entire book.