

# Genre Task Cards

Read this passage.

Susan B. Anthony was a leader in the fight for women's right to vote. She marched in parades all over the country to involve other women in her effort. In 1920, women were given the right to vote.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) nonfiction
- (b) fiction
- (c) poetry
- (d) fantasy

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Read this passage.

Lizzie Johnson Williams ran a ranch in Texas. In the 1830s, she was one of the few women who raised thousands of cattle. Lizzie was known as the "cattle queen of Texas."

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fantasy
- (b) fiction
- (c) poetry
- (d) nonfiction

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# Genre Task Cards

Read this passage.

Fictional stories that take place in modern time, right here and now. The characters are involved in events that could really happen.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fantasy
- (b) poetry
- (c) realistic fiction
- (d) nonfiction

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Read this passage.

Rosa Parks worked hard for the civil rights movement and for the rights of others to be treated fairly and with respect. She received many honors and awards for all that she did.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fantasy
- (b) fiction
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) poetry

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Read this passage.

Thomas Jefferson was asked to write a special document explaining why the thirteen colonies should be separate from England. On July 4, 1776, Congress approved Jefferson's Declaration of Independence.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fantasy
- (b) nonfiction
- (c) poetry
- (d) fiction

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Read this passage.

Which type of writing always deals with real events and people, not made-up events and people?

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) poetry
- (b) fiction
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) plays

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Read this passage.

Flies can walk on walls and ceilings because they have sharp claws and sticky hairs at the ends of their feet. Their bodies are light, so they can hold onto walls and ceilings.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fantasy
- (b) nonfiction
- (c) poetry
- (d) fiction

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Read this passage.

But all the while I sit and think  
of times there were before,  
I listen for returning feet  
and voices at the door.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fantasy
- (b) fiction
- (c) poetry
- (d) nonfiction

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Read this passage.

We took a space shuttle to the moon to visit our grandparents. They were some of the first people to move to the moon. There were many space cars flying around.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fiction
- (b) nonfiction
- (c) poetry
- (d) fantasy

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Read this passage.

Shel Silverstein was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 25, 1932. His full name was Sheldon Allan Silverstein. He is best known in children's literature for his poetry.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fiction
- (b) nonfiction
- (c) poetry
- (d) fantasy

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Read this passage.

Penguins live in Antarctica. Penguins are birds, but they are not flying birds. They are good swimmers and divers. They use their wings like paddles in the water. Penguins eat fish that they catch in the water.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) fantasy
- (b) fiction
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) poetry

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Read this passage.

There are several elements present in most of these stories:  
**Special beginning and/or ending words** - Once upon a time...and they lived happily ever after.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) poetry
- (b) nonfiction
- (c) fairy tale
- (d) mystery

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# Genre Task Cards

Read this passage.

The story usually includes one of the following:

- An event that cannot be explained.
- Something that is lost or missing.
- A crime that has been committed.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) poetry
- (b) nonfiction
- (c) fairy tale
- (d) mystery

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# Genre Task Cards

Read this passage.

One day the Little Red Hen was scratching in the field. She found a grain of wheat. "This wheat should be planted," she said. "Who will help me plant this grain of wheat?"

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) biography
- (b) fiction
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) poetry

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Read this passage.

Fiction that contains elements that are NOT realistic, such as talking animals, magical powers, etc. Make-believe is what this genre is all about.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) biography
- (b) fantasy
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) poetry

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Read this passage.

The story of a real person's life, written or told by another person.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) biography
- (b) fantasy
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) poetry

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Read this passage.

Stories with no known creator. They were originally passed down from one generation to another by word of mouth. The authors of these books today are retelling these stories.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) biography
- (b) poetry
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) folk tale

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# Genre Task Cards

Read this passage.

Verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) biography
- (b) poetry
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) fantasy

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# Genre Task Cards

Read this passage.

Stories which take place in a particular time period in the past. Often the basic setting is real, but the characters are fictional.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) biography
- (b) poetry
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) historical fiction

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# Genre Task Cards

Read this passage.

Fictional stories, usually realistic, about an event, which is not explained, or a crime that is not solved until the end of the story to keep the reader in suspense.

Which type of writing is described by the passage?

- (a) tall tale
- (b) biography
- (c) nonfiction
- (d) mystery

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