**Genres of Literature**

**Some Types of Nonfiction:**

**Narrative nonfiction** is information based on fact that is presented in a story format. It reads like a story but it’s based on facts.

A **biography** is a written account of another person’s life.

An **autobiography** gives the history of a person’s life, written or told by that person.

A **memoir** , like an autobiography, is written by the person it’s about but contains more personal events and memories than an autobiography. It’s like a diary written for an audience other than you.

Informational text is written with to inform the reader about a specific topic. It is typically found in magazines, science or history books, and instruction manuals.

**Some Types of Fiction:**

**Fantasy** is the forming of mental images with strange or other worldly settings or characters; the events would not be able to happen in real life

**Humor** is full of fun and excitement which is meant to entertain.

**Fairy Tales** are a kind of folktale or fable. Sometimes the stories are about fairies or other magical creatures.

**Science Fiction** is a story based on the impact of science, either actual or imagined. Science fiction is often set in the future or on other planets.

**Realistic Fiction** is a story that could actually happen (but it didn’t) and is true to real life.

**Historical Fiction** is a story with fictional characters and events in a historical setting. There can be elements of true events included.

**Horror** is literature that is shocking or terrifying. It is fiction in which events bring about a feeling of dread in both the characters and the reader.

**Mystery** deals with solving a crime or investigating secrets.

**Mythology** is often based in part on historical events, that reveals human behavior and natural events; often having to do with the actions of the gods.

**Graphic novel** – a story written in comic book format

**Poetry** – written in verse and may or may not have rhythm and rhyme

**Novel in Verse** – a novel-length story is told in the format of a poem