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Genres in Literature

Knowing the different genres of literature can help you find books you enjoy.

Directions: Match each genre with the appropriate definition.

historical fiction science fiction fantasy realistic fiction nonfiction biographies

- _____ Unlikely events that are based on facts; usually set in the future
- _____ books about real events or topics; not fake
- _____ True stories about people's lives
- _____ Stories that are set in the past and based on real events
- _____ Include unrealistic, imaginary events; usually involve supernatural or magical themes
- _____ Untrue events that could actually happen; usually set in the present

Directions: Identify the genre of each book blurb below and write it on the line. Highlight at least one clue from the description that you used to form your conclusion.

- _____ Lively and information-packed, this book is busting its covers with fascinating, fun-tastic facts on super, sensational topics that kids love. Who knew that there were so many sweet things to learn about chocolate? A visual feast of colorful photographs surrounded by swirling, tipping, expanding, and climbing bits of information in a high-energy design, this book will satisfy both the casual browser and the truly fact obsessed.
- _____ In 1776, the rebellion of the American colonies against British rule was crushed. Now, in 1777—the year of the hangman—George Washington is awaiting execution, Benjamin Franklin's banned rebel newspaper, *Liberty Tree*, has gone underground, and young ne'er-do-well Creighton Brown, a fifteen-year-old Brit, has just arrived in the colonies. Having been shipped off against his will, with nothing but a distance for English authorities, Creighton befriends Franklin, and lands a job with his print shop. But the English general expects the spoiled yet loyal Creighton to spy on Franklin. As battles unfold and falsehoods are exposed, Creighton must decide where his loyalties lie...a choice that could determine the fate of a nation.
- _____ Matteo Alacrán was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patrón, lord of a country called Opium—a strip of poppy fields lying between the United States and what was once called Mexico. Matt's first cell split and divided inside a petri dish. Then he was placed in the womb of a cow, where he continued the miraculous journey from embryo to fetus to baby. He is a boy now, but most consider him a monster—except for El Patrón. El Patrón loves Matt as he loves himself, because Matt is himself. As Matt struggles to understand his existence, he is threatened by a sinister cast of characters, including El Patrón's power-hungry family, and he is surrounded by a dangerous army of bodyguards. Escape is the only chance Matt has to survive. But escape from the Alacrán Estate is no guarantee of freedom, because Matt is marked by his difference in ways he doesn't even suspect.
- _____ The incredible story of the 21st century's biggest star, from his schooldays in Canada to his worldwide stardom. Adored by millions, Justin Bieber's every word - sung or spoken - is followed closely on TV, Twitter, the internet and by his fans on his sell-out tours. Find out what makes Justin Bieber tick. This book has everything you ever wanted to know about Justin.
- _____ No one ever really paid close attention to the faces of the missing children on the milk cartons. But as Janie Johnson glanced at the face of the ordinary little girl with her hair in tight pigtails, wearing a dress with a narrow white collar—a three-year-old who had been kidnapped twelve years before from a shopping mall in New Jersey—she felt overcome