Genres at a Glance

FICTION

Code	Genre	Definition
TL	Traditional Literature	Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. -**Folktale**- a story with a message that was first passed down by word of mouth -**Legend**-a story, sometimes of a national or folk hero, which has a basis of fact but is also imaginative -**Fable**- a story that contains a moral and usually has animals that act like humans -**Fairy tale**- a kind of folktale that involves magic, with good winning over evil -**Tall tale**- a story where the main character is larger than life and has a specific job: the problem is solved in a funny way, and exaggerated details describe things greater than they really are -**Myth**-stories that explain something about the world and involve gods or other supernatural beings
F	Fantasy	A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers, make-believe is what the genre is all about
SF	Science Fiction	A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.)
RF	Realistic Fiction	A story using made-up characters that could happen in real life
HF	Historical Fiction	A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination
M	Mystery	A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story

NONFICTION

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I	Informational	Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.)
B	Biography	The story of a real person's life written by another person
AB	Autobiography	The story of a real person's life that is written by that person
ME	Memoir	A type of nonfiction that centers around an event, object, or person that was significant to the author

OTHER GENRE

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P	Poetry	Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader, It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning