Genres in Literature and Film
Genres

• a category of artistic, musical, or literary composition characterized by a particular style, form, or content

• French origin
Two Types

Fiction
✓ A made up story
✓ Can tell about things that *could* happen
✓ Is read for fun
✓ Characters may be like real people or imaginary

Non-fiction
✓ TRUE information
✓ To gain information
✓ Author-expert on topic
✓ Facts that can be verified
Genres

**Fiction Genres**
- Traditional Literature
- Fantasy
- Science Fiction
- Realistic Fiction
- Historical Fiction
- Mystery

**Non-fiction Genres**
- Informational
- How To’s
- Biography
- Autobiography
- Poetry
Realistic Fiction

- Can be based on a real story
- Characters act like real people
- Character tries to solve a problem
- Story could happen in real life
- Some events are historically accurate
- Character’s feelings and behaviors are like real life
Fantasy

- Set in an imaginary, unreal, or utopia world
- May include sciences or physics yet unknown
- Fantastic characters
Science Fiction

• Novel or short story
• Set in the future or imaginary world
• Fact and fiction
• Futuristic technology
Historical Fiction

• Fiction
• May include real historical events, figures, or setting (time period)
• Recreation of past events
Folklore

- Oral stories → later written down
- Explain history, natural, or social phenomenon
- Myths - *Icarus and Daedalus*
- Fable - *Tortoise and the Hare*
- Tall Tale - *Paul Bunyan*
- Legends - *King Arthur*
- Fairy Tale - *Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk*
Mystery

• Problem need solving
• Clues
• Distractions
• Answer
Informational

- Non-fiction
- True facts about variety of subjects
Biography vs. Autobiography

**Biography**
- True story of real person
- Written by someone else

**Autobiography**
- True story of real person
- Written by the person

- [Image: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps](#)
- [Image: Night](#)
- [Image: The Diary of a Young Girl](#)
Disclaimer

Even though many books have been made into film, do not view the film instead of reading the book. Many times the film has changed different details or part of the plot to make it more entertaining for their viewing audience.
Which Featuring Genre?
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HOLMES

WILL SMITH  JADEN SMITH

DANGER IS REAL  FEAR IS A CHOICE  COMING SOON

NOTHING ESCAPES HIM

CHRISTMAS DAY  www.sherlock-holmes-movie.com
What are the Details in a Movie Poster?
Details of a Movie Poster

Film poster analysis

A clear indication that Will Smith is the star of this film: there is only his name on this poster, it is in large type and is presented in the colour white which stands out against the background.

The use of the hazchem sign on the buildings hints that there is something biologically unsafe in the movie such as a widespread disease.

The smoke and decay in the image hints to the theme of destruction in the film.

There are definite hints that the city of New York has been abandoned in this movie, there are overturned cars and wild plants growing in the middle of the road.

Your Details

Some of the companies involved in the movie have been included on the poster, but as this is a teaser poster the production personnel have not been mentioned.

‘Coming soon’ indicates that this is a teaser poster as it is simply whetting the viewer’s appetite and not letting them know the release date of the movie.

Big Idea (Sentence/phrase)

The title of the film is made to stand out through the use of white typography against the black background; this will immediately draw the viewer’s attention to it.

Tagline: ‘The last man on earth is not alone’. This confirms that Will Smith’s character is the last human on earth so this tagline anchors to what we see in the image. However the viewer is left with a sense of enigma as it says ‘is not alone’ indicating that there is something else out there.

Genre

Another clear indication that Will Smith is the star of this film. He is placed to the right hand side of the poster, but even though he is not in the centre this does not subtract from the fact that he is the main character, he is large and the closest object within the poster to the foreground.

A clear colour scheme of: black, yellow, brown and white.
Examples of Movie Poster

HISTORICAL FICTION

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN VIVID HISTORY, WOVEN WITH IMAGINATION!

REAL & IMAGINED PEOPLE • CREDIBLE SETTINGS • REALISTIC PLOTS

HISTORICAL ACCURACY • AUTHENTIC DETAILS • INSIGHT INTO EVERYDAY LIFE

REALISTIC FICTION

ENCOUNTER PEOPLE AND PLACES SO TRUE-TO-LIFE, YOU’LL THINK THEY’RE REAL!

RIVETING DIALOGUE REVEALS THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS!

CREDIBLE CHARACTERS • MODERN SETTINGS • REALISTIC EVENTS

VIVID DESCRIPTIONS • CONFLICTS & DILEMMAS • SENSIBLE RESOLUTIONS • UNIVERSAL THEMES
Independent Seat Work Assignment

**CONVERSATION:**
Voice Level: 0- 1(Discussion)

**HELP:**
Raise hand quietly

**ACTIVITY:**
Create a self movie poster

**MOVEMENT:**
Quietly sharpen pencil, get a Kleenex, borrow a pen/pencil

**PARTICIPATION:**
Use D & C, movie poster details, and literary genres to create a self movie poster.

**SUCCESS:**
Success!
Assignment- Due FRIDAY

• Create a movie poster of YOUR life
• Must include the following:
  ___ 10 Genre Type - What genre are you?
  ___ 10 Big Idea - sentence or phrase
  ___ 20 Illustration
  ___ 10 Hook (6 Word Memoir)
  ___ 30 Details (5) Starring/Credits section
  ___ 10 Conventions/Mechanics
  ___ 10 Neatness

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___ 100 Total Points Earned
Bibliography


