

LIST OF LITERARY GENRES

	Product ("Please write a/n...")	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Literary Device or Descriptor (adjective)
Determines the:	Formatting, Voice, Length, Audience, Content, Tone	Unreal vs. Fact-based		Voice, Audience, Plot Theme, Setting, Character, Tense, Style
	Abstract (summary)		x	
	Academic (scholarly) paper		x	Cause and Effect ; Compare and Contrast : Factual; Critique (Canonical, form, higher, historical, lower, narrative, postmodern, psychological, redaction, rhetorical, social, source, textual); Problem and Solution
	Adventure	x		Action Epic, imaginary voyage, lost world, men's, Milesian tale, apocalyptic, sea story, subterranean
	Advice column		x	How-To (Advice)
	Agreement		X	Legal/Law (ceremonial, family, Levitical, moral, natural, royal decree, social)
	Anecdote	x	x	
	Anime	x		
	Annotated Bibliography		x	
	Answer			
	Anthology			
	Apology (Apologetics)			
	Application			
				Apocalyptic
	Article			Newspaper
	Autograph			
	Autobiography			Autobiographical
	Ballad			
	Bibliography			Biographical
				Bildungsroman
	Biography	x	x*	
	Blessing			
	Blogs	x	x*	
	Book			
	Book Review		x	
				Burlesque
	Business letter		x	Business
	Cartoon	x		
	Case Study		x	
			x	
	Chant			
	Chapter			
				Chapter
		x		Children's
			x	Chronological
	Choreography			
		x	x	Classic
			x	Classification (Division)
	Classified Ad			
	Class notes		x	
	Column			

Comedy	x		
Comic	x		
Commentary		x	
Community (Public) (Service) Announcement			
			Conference
Confession			
			Contemporary
Contract			
Covenant			
Cover letter		x	
	x	x	Creative
Creed			
	x		Crime (série noire, true)
Critique		x	
		x	Cult
Curse			
CV or Resume		x*	
			Cyber
Definition	x	x	
	x		
	x		Detective
Dialogue			
Dictionary		x	
		x	Didactic (dialectic, rabbinic, aporetic, electric)
Directions			
			Disaster
			Discussion
Documentary	x	x	
Drama	x		
	x		Dystopic
Editorial	x	x	
			Educational (campus, school, varsity)
Elegy			
Email	x	x	
	x	x	Epic
			Epigram
Encyclopedia			
Epistle			
	x		Erotic
Essay			
		x	Ethnographic
Eulogy			
Exam	x	x	
	x		Experimental (antinovel, ergodic)
			Existentialist
		x	Explication
	x	x	
Fable	X		
Fairy tale	x		
	x		Fantasy (High, Low, Dark, Shenmo, Paranormal, Hard, Sword and Sorcery, Weird, Splatterpunk, Steampunk, Tokusatsu, Wuxia, Occult, Grimdark, juvenile)
			Farce

Feedback		x	
Film/Movie Review	x		
	x	x	Five-paragraph Flash Fiction
Folktale (Folklore)	x		
Form (document)			
			Free (association) Functional Game
Genealogy (Family Tree)		x	
	x	x	Generative Ghost
			Gothic
Grant			
	x		Graphic
Green Paper		x	
Guidebooks		x	
Haiku			
Headline			
	x		Hero(ic) (Superhero)
	x		Historic(al) (Holocaust, plantation, prehistoric, regency, contradiction, academic, genealogy, narrative, people's popular, official, narrative, Whig) Hollywood
Homily			
	x		Horror (psychological)
	x	x	
	x		Humor
Hymn			
			Hypertext
(Idyll			
(Illustration) caption	X		
Infographic		X	
		X	Inference Informative (Information)
	x		Inspirational Instructional
Instructions			
			Interactive
Interview			
Invitation			
			Job
Joke			
Journal or Diary		x*	
		x	Journalism
Koan			
		x	Lab
Lament(ation)			
Law		x	
Lectionary			
Legend	x	x	
Letter (rebuttal)		x	
Letter (recommendation)		x	

Letter (social)	x	x	
List(ical)		x	
Literature Review (Analysis)		x	Literary (criticisms)
Liturgy			
Limerick			
Lyrics	x		
			Love
			Low
	x		Magical Realism
			Mainstream
			Mathematical
Manifesto	x	x	
Manuals		x	
Manuscript		x	
			Medical
Meeting Minutes		x	
	x		Melodrama
Memo (Memorandum of Understanding)		x	
Memoir or Autobiography		x*	
Message			
Meta-analysis		x	
Metaphor			
	x		Meta-Fiction (Romantic Irony)
			Metrical Tale
Mission Statement	x	x	
			Mock
			Modern
			Modified
			Movie
Musical			
			Musical
	x		Mystery
			Mysticism
Mythology	x		
	x		Mythopoeia
Narration (Narrative)			
	x		
			Nostalgia
Notebook			
Novel	x		
Novella			
Obituary			
			Occult
	x		Occupational
			Ode
Op Ed	x	X	
Opera			
Opinion (Viewpoint)			
Oral History	x	x	
			Owner's
			Pantomime
Paper (academic)			
Parable			

Pastorals			
Performance Review		x	
			Personal
Personal Statement (Essay)		x*	
	x		
	x		Philosophy(ical)
			Picaresque (picaresco)
	x	x	Picture
Plan (strategic)		x	
			Platonic
Play	x		
Poem	x		
			Poetic
	x		Political (satire)
Portfolio		x	
Post			
Postcard			
Poster	X	x	
Power Point	x	X	
Prayer			
			Predicting
Prediction			
Presentation	x	x	
	x	x	
			Procedural
Proceedings			
	x		Process
Profile		x	
Prophecy			
Proposal (academic)		x	
	x		Prose
	x		Pulp fiction (adventure, aviation, detective, fantasy, gangster, horror, humor, railroad, romance, science fiction, spicy/saucy, gay male, lesbian, LGBT, exploitive, superhero, sports, war, Western)
			Quantum
Question			
		x	Realism (Realistic)
Rap			
Recipe	x	x	
Record (Recount)			
Reference Book		X	
Reflection	x		
	x		Religious
Reply or Answer			
Report (financial, policy, annual, technical)			
		x	Research
			Response or Reaction
Review		x	
	x		Rhetorical
Riddle			
Rules			
Rhyme			

	X		Romance (contemporary, historical, suspense, paranormal, inspirational, multicultural, Chick Lit)
	x		Romantic comedy
	x		Saga (family)
Sales pitch (commercials)	X		
	x		Satire
	x		Science fiction (futuristic, technology, time travel, parallel universe, space exploration, extraterrestrial life, fictional worlds, scientific innovations, ancient times, alien invasion, post-apocalyptic, military, alternative history, space opera, climate fiction, dying Earth, planetary romance)
		x	Scientific (academic)
Screenplay	x		
Script	x		
Scripture			
	x	x	Self-help
	x	x	Short
Sign			
Simile			
			Slave
			Social
	x		Social Media
Song			
Sonnet			
			Southern
			Speculative
Speech	x	X	
			Spiritual
			Sports
Story			
Storyboard	x	x	
Study			
Summary			
			Supernatural (paranormal, cosmic, ghost, monster, occult?)
			Swashbuckler
Systematic Review		X	
			Tabloid
Tall tale	X		
			Technical
			TV
Testament (Testimonial)		x	
Test		x	
Textbook		x	
			Theater
Thesis (dissertation)		x	
	x		Thriller/Suspense (mystery, legal, medical, political, psychological, techno-)
	x	X	Timed
Timeline	x	x	
			Traditional
	x		Tragedy
	x		Tragicomedy
			Train-of-thought

			Translational
Treatise			
		x	True crime
Tweet			
Ultimatum			
	x		Urban
			Utopian
Verse			
	x	x	Video
			Villanelle
			Visionary
	x	x	Visual Analysis
Vows			
	x		Young Adult Fiction (Class S, light novel)
			Wanted
Webpage	x	x	
	x		Western (cowboy, frontier, outlaw, lone hero, gunfight, Indians, rustlers, revolutionary, spaghetti, acid, chili, electric, Euro-, Martial Arts,
White Paper		x	
	x	x	Women's (Class S, Femlask, Matron, romance, Yaoi, Yuri)
	x		Workplace Tell-All