

## THE LITERARY GENRE TYPES

**Fiction:** the genre represented by short stories and novels that come from the w imagination. Both contain the elements of plot, character, setting, and theme. purpose is to entertain, but also to provide the reader with a deeper understandin life.

**Nonfiction:** the type of writing that deals with real people, places, and events. It contains mostly factual information; the writer selects and organizes the informati suit his or her purposes. Subcategories are: biography, autobiography, essay, Informative articles, and Interviews.

**Poetry:** the genre that packs all kinds of ideas, feelings, and sound into a few cai chosen words which all work together to create a total effect. Poetry may, or may rhyme, depending on the type or form of the poem.

**Drama:** a story that is intended to be performed for an audience, either on-stage before a camera. Two important kinds of drama are comedy and tragedy. A co is light and humorous; a tragedy ends in disaster.

**Oral Tradition (including fable, folktale, parable, and myth):** stories which are hai down from generation to generation, by word of mouth, and which often exist, in different versions, across cultures. This genre keeps the past alive.