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REALISTIC

FICTION

LIBRARY LESSON

REALISTIC FICTION RECOMMENDATIONS (GRADES 6-8)

GENERAL REALISTIC FICTION
New Kid (Jordan)
Savvy (Lynette)
Ally (Sharon Flake)
From the Desk of Eve Washington
"Milk" (Mark)
Tumble (Piper)
Huntingford (Lauri)
The Explorer in the Room (Sloan)

PROBLEM FICTION
The Benefits of Being an Octopus (Slovic)
Ghost (Reynolds)
Gone Girl (Liane Moriarty)
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
Almost Always (Ben)

COMING OF AGE
The Outsiders (S.E. Hinton)
The Catcher in the Rye (Salinger)
Play (Abraham Lincoln)
The Crosswalk (Suzanne)
Phenomenon (Enya)
Phenomenon (Enya)

TRAVEL
The Secret Garden (Frances Hodgson Burnett)
Clean Girl (The End)

PROBLEM FICTION
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)

ADULT
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
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COMING OF AGE
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TRAVEL FICTION
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ADULT
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)

REALISTIC FICTION RECOMMENDATIONS (GRADES 9-12)

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The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)

PROBLEM FICTION
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)

COMING OF AGE
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)
The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)

TRAVEL FICTION
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ADULT
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REALISTIC FICTION CHARACTERISTICS



- Realistic fiction could really happen, but it didn't
- Settings are realistic and include common places (home, school, work, neighborhood, local businesses, parks, friends' homes)
- Include real-life problems like addiction, abuse, poverty...
- Family, friendships, and other social relationships are important to the story

GRADES
6-12

Lesson + Scrolling Slideshow + Bookmarks



THREE FORMATS

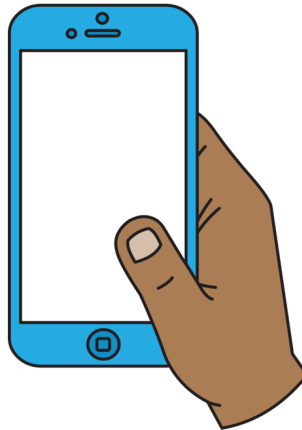
LET'S TALK ABOUT REALISTIC FICTION!

What does realistic fiction mean?
How is this different from nonfiction?

Can you think of any realistic
fiction TV shows or movies?



TECHNOLOGY



- Modern technology is prominent – it would not be realistic without it (except for wilderness survival stories or where characters refrain from using technology)
- Characters use technology regularly, carry cell phones, send emails, look things up online, use social media, listen to music, watch TV...
- Story may be partially or completely told via text message, social media posts, etc. (example: *TTYL* by Lauren Myracle)
- Problems with technology may also be apparent – lack of privacy, cyberbullying, hacking, identity theft, reliance on technology, addiction

All slides and bookmarks are editable
in Google Slides and PowerPoint.
Bookmarks also include editable PDF format.

FOCUS ON THREE SUBGENRES

PROBLEM FICTION

- Protagonists face serious problems that are not easily solved.
- Topics may include: addiction, discrimination, body image
- These problems are so complex that the protagonist often cannot solve them on their own.
- The problem may remain, but the protagonist may learn to live with it (or walk away from) the problem.



COMING OF AGE

- Also called Bildungsroman – this German word means “novel of education” or “novel of formation”
- Character grows up, gains maturity or perspective, and/or becomes wiser because of the story’s events
- Explore
- Freque
- Protago
- Protago grandp



TRAVEL FICTION

- Characters take a cross-country road trip or travel abroad
- They learn about themselves and grow up along the way
- They will not return home as the same person
- **Themes** include independence, self-reliance, overcoming adversity, survival, discovery, and wonder
- Characters gain self-confidence, learn life lessons, and discover hidden strengths and talents

Problem Fiction, Coming-of-Age, and Travel Fiction –
Each includes characteristics and YA & MG sample titles

PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

TRIVIA QUESTION

Which of these genres blends realistic fiction and fantasy?

- a. dark fantasy
- b. travel fiction
- c. magical realism
- d. Bildungsroman



WORD OF THE WEEK

foreshadowing

(noun) hints, warnings, or clues about what might happen later in the story

Foreshadowing helps build anticipation and allows readers to guess at what's coming up.

Music and weather often foreshadow what's to come in movies.

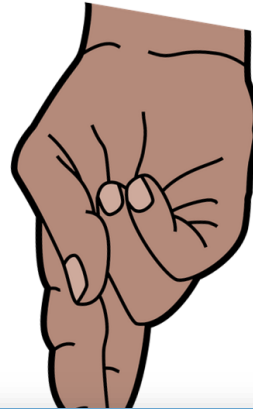


Part II includes realistic fiction genre quotations, trivia questions, vocabulary, Would-You-Rathers, why read realistic fiction, and 5 things to include in every realistic fiction story.

FUN FACTS & TRIVIA

REASONS NARRATORS MIGHT BE UNRELIABLE

- They lack the knowledge or experience of other characters
- Brain injury, cognitive disability, extreme trauma, or amnesia
- Child narrator just doesn't understand
- Mentally unstable
- Delusional – they are lying to themselves
- They are biased or have a limited perspective
- Intentionally unreliable
- Intentionally unreliable

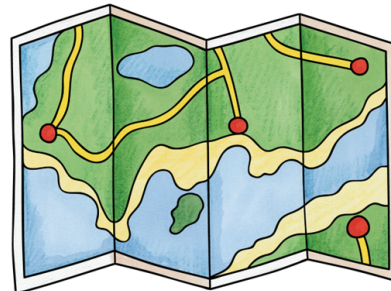


WOULD YOU RATHER



read a book set in
your hometown

OR



read a book set in
another country

5 TIPS FOR WRITING REALISTIC FICTION

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Number 1: Name your characters wisely.



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- Don't go too crazy with making character names unique. Use names that are common in the country or region your book is set in. Leave the super-unique names to fantasy and science fiction.

5 TIPS FOR WRITING REALISTIC FICTION

Number 2: Make your introduction strong.

- Readers want the action to begin quickly. The sooner you can logically introduce the conflict, the better.
- Add some foreshadowing of future events. Hook that reader!
- Do not spend lots of time telling the reader about the characters. Let readers get to know characters through their actions and what other characters say about them.



CLASSIC AND CONTEMPORARY REALISTIC FIC QUOTATIONS



**"If you stumble about believability, what are you living for?
Love is hard to believe, ask any lover. Life is hard to believe,
ask any scientist. God is hard to believe, ask any believer.
What is your problem with hard to believe?"**

~The Life of Pi, Yann Martel

**that work on
loneliest guys in**

**the world. They got no family.
They don't belong no place."**

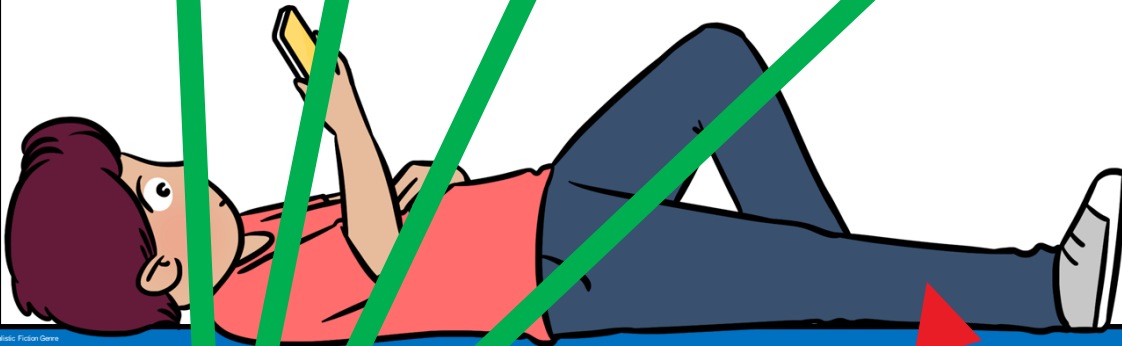
~John Steinbeck, Of Mice and Men



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REALISTIC FICTION SUBGENRES

- coming of age ("Bildungsroman")
- problem fiction
- travel fiction
- friendship drama
- family drama
- relationship drama
- workplace fiction
- school stories
- slice-of-life
- magical realism



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RECOMMENDATIONS
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GENERAL REALISTIC FICTION

New Kid (Craft)
Starfish (Fipps)
Hands (Maldonado)
From the Desk of Zoe Washington
(Marks)
Tumble (Perez)
Hummingbird (Lloyd)
The Elephant in the Room (Sloan)

PROBLEM FICTION

The Benefits of Being an Octopus
(Braden)
Ghost (Reynolds)
Simon Sort of Says (Bow)
The Stars Beneath Our Feet
(Moore)
Almost Home (Bauer)

COMING-OF-AGE

The Outsiders (Hinton)
Tiger Daughter (Lim)
Pay Attention, Carter Jones
(Schmidt)
The Crossover (Alexander)

TRAVEL FICTION

The Someday Birds (Pla)
Clean Getaway (Stone)
The First Magnificent Summer
(Toalson)
Unforgettable Journey of Coyote
(Green)

**REALISTIC FICTION
RECOMMENDATIONS
(GRADES 9-12)**

GENERAL REALISTIC FICTION

The Hate U Give (Thomas)
We Are All So Good At Smiling
(McBride)
All My Rage (Tahir)
Phoebe's Diary (Wahl)
Ander & Santi Were Here (Garza
Villa)
Breathe and Count Back From Ten
(Sylvester)

PROBLEM FICTION

Long Way Down (Reynolds)
Clap When You Land (Acevedo)
Bad Romance (Demetrios)
Speak (Anderson)
The First Part Last (Johnson)
Gym Candy (Deuker)

COMING-OF-AGE

*Aristotle and Dante Discover the
Secrets of the Universe* (Saenz)
To Kill a Mockingbird (Lee)
American Born Chinese (Yang)
Fangirl (Rowell)

TRAVEL FICTION


Me (Moth) (McBride)
13 Little Blue Envelopes (Johnson)
American Road Trip (Flores-Scott)
Four for the Road (Reilly)
An Abundance of Katherines
(Green)

Editable list of recommended realistic fiction genre books for Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Since the presentation focuses on problem fiction, coming-of-age, and travel fiction, the bookmarks give multiple suggestions for each.

MORE FOR SECONDARY LIBRARIES

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HORROR GENRE LIBRARY LESSON




HORROR SUBGENRES

- Gothic horror
- Psychological horror
- Body horror
- Supernatural
- Folk horror
- Zombies
- Monsters

GRADES 7-12 Lesson + Scrolling Slideshow + Bookmarks

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HISTORICAL FICTION LIBRARY LESSON



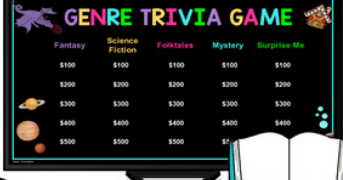
HISTORICAL FICTION SUBGENRES

- Documentary fiction
- Regency romance
- Steampunk
- Family sagas
- Alternate history
- Western
- Nautical and pirate fiction

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BOOK GENRE PPT TRIVIA GAME



GENRE TRIVIA GAME

Fantasy	Science Fiction	Folktales	Mystery	Surprise Me
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

GRADES 5-8 Teach and review book genre vocabulary!

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I HAVE... WHO HAS...?

GRADES 4-7




I HAVE:
sports fiction

WHO HAS...?
a fiction story set in a historical time and place

Book Genre Review Game

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WHAT'S YOUR GENRE PERSONALITY?



YOU READ BECAUSE...

QUESTIONS


- You like getting an idea of what is going to happen.
- You like the feeling of being in an unusual and dangerous time.
- You like learning about problems in the past and how they were solved.
- You like to be scared.
- You like watching the characters in the book make good choices.
- You like to read about other people's problems.
- Your favorite genre gives you a rest.
- You like fun characters.
- You like reading about people who are trying to do something new.
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- You like to read about other people's problems.

GRADES 6+ Reading Quiz with 12 Personalities

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TRIVIA QUESTION

Barachti is a popular food in Russia. What is it?

- barachti
- barach
- barach
- barach

The Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia

GRADES 7-12