

Genre Worksheet 1

Directions: Read the descriptions of the texts. Look for details that reveal the genre. Write the genre and subgenre on the lines and write a sentence explaining your answer.

1. The Hard Way Out by Terry Vaughn

In this novel, Brian struggles with living at his Aunt's house and sharing a room with his cousin while dealing with the grief of having lost both of his parents in a tragic car accident. Basketball is his only escape, but after getting benched for low progress report grades, Brian's world shatters. Does he have it in him to turn around his grades? Will Brian come to peace with his emotions? Can anyone help him?

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Explain your Answer

2. Newton's Law by Morton Mallon

After a mostly unsuccessful life of studying and practicing the nano-transportation sciences, Professor Melton stumbles upon a major breakthrough on April 20th, 2042: he discovers a way to transport particles at light-speed across fixed distances, thereby allowing him to teleport from one location to another. But Professor Melton soon discovers that there is no such thing as a free lunch. He learns that the body ages relative to the distance travelled, not just the time, in effect causing a teleporting body to age very rapidly. Can Melton solve this problem before his time is up?

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3. Intermediate Math Problems for Students by M. Colwell

This workbook text explains how to perform basic mathematical operations, like double-digit addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. It also explains fractions and decimals..

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Explain your Answer

4. "If a Tree Falls" adapted by Stan Tanner

This is the very short story of a buck that was admiring his horns in the water's reflection and feeling bad about his skinny legs. When a hunter tries to kill him, his big horns get stuck in some tree branches, but his skinny legs manage to pull him free. The moral is that what is truly valuable is often unappreciated.

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5. The Tinfoil Key by Rob Burnside

When young Ian Bradley accidentally switches suitcases with an intergalactic space explorer at a coffee shop, he ends up going on the trip of a lifetime. Now that he's left holding the bag, Ian must deliver it to the light scientists on Gamma Outpost 9 in time, and every life-form in the galaxy is unknowingly depending on the success of his efforts.

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6. Seeing More, Being More by Fletch Carpenter

"Dr. Fletch," gives readers a dose of hard medicine, arguing that most peoples' problems are caused by themselves. Fletch teaches readers to solve such problems as bullying, insecurity, and relationship troubles with a three-step strategy: letting go of ego, seeing the objective reality, and finding tangible roles. Some readers find Carpenter's ideas to be refreshing. Others are offended.

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7. Bronze Star by Irwin Keene

World War II has been hard for Mama Conner. Her husband and three sons have been away at war and Mama Conner was left to keep the house together, raise money, and provide for Baby Maple. The mood in the town darkens suddenly when her neighbor Betsy loses one of her loved ones in battle. At Mama Conner's ladies club, several upstanding ladies of the town are on edge after hearing a garbled news report announcing that a man from their town was lost in battle, but as the man's name went unheard, the women are left to speculate as to whom will be the most affected. This novel ends in a surprising twist.

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8. "Rapunzel" adapted by Craig Hooper

Once upon a time a young girl named Rapunzel was running an errand for her mother when an evil witch caught her and imprisoned her in the tower of a castle. After years in the tower, Rapunzel grew long, beautiful hair. Having seen nobody but the evil witch her whole life, Rapunzel is very lonely until one day a prince wanders by and climbs up her hair. The witch doesn't like this and action ensues, but eventually the prince and Rapunzel live happily every after.

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