

Understanding Genres: The Key to Writing Success

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Imaginary:

Fiction--

Novels, short stories, poetry, television and movie scripts

literary, realistic, science-fiction, fantasy, crime, comedy, etc.....

Satire--

Based on truth, but exaggerated

Uses comedy to critique reality

Books, television, movies

Grey area between fiction and non-fiction--

Reality television, some forms of journalism (celebrity gossip, propaganda like Fox News, tabloids)

Non-Fiction--

Books, manuals, guides, commentary, opinion, critiques

On every subject

Serious journalism--Popular Press

To inform the public, based on truth and ethical reporting

Books, newspapers, magazines, news programming,

The Truth:

Peer reviewed journals and academic studies

Scholarship, based on scientific methods and seeking the truth about reality