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Genre and Subgenre Worksheet 4

Directions: read the descriptions of each of the following texts. Identify the genre and subgenre from the list below. Write your answer and explain it in a sentence or two.

Fiction: historical fiction, science fiction, realistic fiction, fantasy

Nonfiction: informational writing, persuasive writing, biography, autobiography

Folklore: fable, fairy tale, tall tale, myth, legend

1. *The Man Behind the Moon* by Shelton Pacer

This text tells the true life story of Richard Proctor, who argued in the 1870s that the dark spots on the Moon's surface were craters formed by collision, not volcanoes as previously believed.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

2. *The Basketball Player* by Terry Rudder

Chris Bosworth has just moved from the farm to the city, and he may be the most awkward freshman in the history of high school. He is lanky, unfashionable, and his voice keeps changing pitch when the teacher calls on him in class. But when Chris starts playing for the school's underdog basketball team, things start to change for him in a big way.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

3. *Cordwood Pete* retold and illustrated by C.G. Mills

Mills retells the stories of Cordwood Pete, younger brother of Paul Bunyan. Unlike Paul, who grew to be a giant, Cordwood Pete was a mere 4 feet 9 inches. Pete's growth was stunted because he could never get enough to eat with Paul eating everything in site. But what Cordwood Pete lacked in size, he made up in speed. He was fast enough to cut 50 square miles in a single day!

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

4. *Science is Fun* by Allan Mallon

This exciting science text teaches readers to conduct scientific experiments using common household items.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

5. ***Space Racers*** by Eric Marshall

This book follows a group of competitors from different interstellar backgrounds. These racers are competing to win the ultimate race across the universe.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

6. ***I Want a Puppy*** by Shirley Douglas

Second-grade student Shirley Douglass argues as to why her parents should buy her a puppy.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

7. ***Odysseus's Long Trip Home*** retold by Ginger B. Miller

After the fall of Troy, Odysseus, hero of the Trojan War, and his men seek to return home. But after angering Poseidon, the God of the sea, the journey home is anything but smooth. Miller retells the epic story of Odysseus's voyage across the sea.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

8. ***Ms. Dandridge*** by Jane Bryant

It is the summer of 1758 and love is in the air. A young George Washington, future leader of the Revolution and a founding father of America, meets a widowed Martha Dandridge. Sparks fly, but Martha's got a big family and not everybody is happy to see her moving on with her life. Will love triumph or are the wounds of Martha's past too deep to mend?

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

9. ***Sleeping Beauty*** retold by Brent Lansing

In Lansing's retelling of this classic story, a wicked fairy casts a spell that causes a princess to sleep for a hundred years. A young prince overcomes monsters and sorcery to save his beloved.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain your Answer

Genre Worksheet 4 | Answer Key

1. Genre: **Nonfiction**

Subgenre: **Biography**

Ex: This text tells the life story of someone other than the author.

2. Genre: **Fiction**

Subgenre: **Realistic Fiction**

Ex: This is a story that didn't actually happen, but could happen.

3. Genre: **Folklore**

Subgenre: **Tall Tale**

Ex: In this text, the main character's skill is exaggerated in a humorous way.

4. Genre: **Nonfiction**

Subgenre: **Informational Writing**

Ex: This text provides information on performing science experiments.

5. Genre: **Fiction**

Subgenre: **Science Fiction**

Ex: This is a made-up story that is set in outer space.

6. Genre: **Nonfiction**

Subgenre: **Persuasive Writing**

Ex: This text attempts to convince the audience to buy the author a puppy.

7. Genre: **Folklore**

Subgenre: **Myth**

Ex: This is a retelling of an old story that has gods and heroes.

8. Genre: **Fiction**

Subgenre: **Historical Fiction**

Ex: This is a made-up story based around important figures from history.

9. Genre: **Folklore**

Subgenre: **Fairy Tale**

Ex: This is a story with a prince, princess, fairy, and enchantment. It is also retold by the author.