

# Comparing Fiction v. Nonfiction v. Persuasive

	<b>FICTION</b>	<b>NONFICTION</b>	<b>PERSUASIVE</b>
<b>Purpose &amp; Physical Characteristics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written to entertain/engage the reader.</li> <li>• Does not present true events; it is not real.</li> <li>• Follows story plot (i.e., setting, characters, problem, solution).</li> <li>• Read from beginning to end, in order.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written to inform the reader.</li> <li>• Presents factual information.</li> <li>• Includes multiple facts on one topic.</li> <li>• Uses paragraphs (e.g., topic sentences and supporting details) to teach, explain, describe, compare information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written to persuade the reader.</li> <li>• Presents information.</li> <li>• Includes author's opinion.</li> <li>• Includes facts from the perspective of the author.</li> <li>• The body paragraphs include topic sentences that reveal opinions with examples, statistics, and quotes in supporting sentences.</li> </ul>
<b>Content, Parts, Ingredients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tells a story about characters in a described setting with a defined plot (problem, conflict, solution).</li> <li>• Often includes a lesson or theme.</li> <li>• May include a table of contents.</li> <li>• May include illustrations.</li> <li>• Includes few or no text features.</li> <li>• Uses figurative language.</li> <li>• Conveys emotion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always includes real people in real locations and highlights real events.</li> <li>• Always includes a main idea.</li> <li>• Often includes photographs.</li> <li>• Often includes text features (e.g., bold words, charts, time lines, etc.)</li> <li>• Usually includes academic/domain-specific vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focuses on a specific issue or desired goal.</li> <li>• Includes a clear opinion or position.</li> <li>• Usually ends with a call to action.</li> <li>• May include visual (e.g., photographs) or text features (e.g., bold words, italics, charts, etc.).</li> <li>• May include academic/domain-specific vocabulary.</li> <li>• Often conveys strong emotion to persuade reader.</li> </ul>
<b>Genres &amp; Formats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairy Tale</li> <li>• Fable</li> <li>• Mystery</li> <li>• Fantasy</li> <li>• Realistic fiction</li> <li>• Historical fiction</li> <li>• Science fiction</li> <li>• Narrative poem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Poem</li> <li>• Report</li> <li>• Directions, Recipe</li> <li>• Business letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opinion, Editorial</li> <li>• Speech</li> <li>• Review (e.g., book, movie, game)</li> <li>• Recommendation (e.g., book)</li> <li>• Advertisement</li> <li>• Commercial</li> </ul>