Genre and Subgenre Practice

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 Story of Walt Disney: Maker of Magical Worlds** by Bernice Selden

The life story of the man who created Disneyland, Mickey Mouse, and dozens of other memorable characters.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

2. **The Fake Birthday** by Gerri Rudner

Jodi Milner is eagerly awaiting her 13th birthday and can't wait to throw herself into the challenging seventh grade social scene. Jodi is seriously into astrology, but is shocked to learn that she has a "fake birthday". Discovering the truth about her birthday is a turning point that leads to a series of revelations and adventures that even the stars could not have predicted.

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Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

3. **Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett** retold and illustrated by Steven Kellogg

Kellogg retells a mighty fine tall tale of refreshing heroic feats. While still a toddler, Sally Ann outruns rabbits. At age four, she flips the strongest arm wrestlers. She screams the feathers right off the heads of a pair of eagles while rescuing Davy Crockett, who has his head caught in a tree.

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4. **Science Is...: A source book of fascinating facts, projects and activities** by Susan V. Bosak

Using common materials and household products, you can conduct your own scientific experiments. Activities are organized by the amount of time and effort involved.

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5. **Space Prison, The Survivors** by Tom Godwin

This book follows a group of people who are stranded on the deadliest planet ever discovered. Over several generations, they learn to adapt to their environment in order to survive.

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Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

6. **Should We Have Pets?** by Sylvia Lollis and Joyce W. Hogan

A second-grade class presents arguments for and against pet ownership.

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Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

7. **The Wanderings of Odysseus** retold by Rosemary Sutcliffe and Alan Lee

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

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8. **Katherine** by Anya Seton

This classic romance novel tells the story of the love affair that changed history—that of Katherine Swynford and John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, the ancestors of most of the British royal family. Set in the vibrant 14th century of Chaucer and the Black Death, the story features knights fighting in battle, serfs struggling in poverty, and the conflicts of the royal court.

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9. **The Sleeping Beauty** retold by C. S. Evans

In Evans retelling of the classic story, a wicked fairy is disgruntled at not being invited to the princess's christening, so she casts a spell that dooms the princess to sleep for a hundred years.

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