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## 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 Time Machine** by H. G. Wells

An inventor creates a time machine and travels to the year 802701, where two distinct human races have evolved: the helpless, childlike Eloi and the subterranean Morlocks.

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Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

2. **Toyota Camry Handbook** by the Toyota Corporation

This text details the parts of the Toyota Camry and the service schedule. It also gives safety tips and instructions for simple maintenance.

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Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

3. **Gone For A Soldier: A Novel Of The Birth Of The United States Of America** by Jeffry S. Hepple

Divided by loyalty to the King of England and the idea of democracy, the Van Buskirk family struggles from the Boston Tea Party to the Battle of Yorktown to preserve a way of life or forge a new nation. Set during the American Revolutionary War.

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Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

4. ***The Ant and the Grasshopper*** retold by Mr. Morton

One summer day the Grasshopper saw the Ant gathering food and he said, “Hey, Ant. Why don’t you chill a bit?” The ant was like, “I’ve got work to do, and so do you. Winter’s coming.” The grasshopper was like, “I’ll do it later.” Soon the icy grip of winter set in and the grasshopper was hungry. He went knocking on the ant’s door and the ant was like, “You shouldn’t have played around so much. And then he shut his window. *Work comes before play.*”

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5. **No More Seat Belt Laws** by Chris Kelley

In this five paragraph essay, Chris argues that seatbelt laws are unconstitutional and he tries to convince the reader to go to a website and sign a petition against the laws.

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Explain Your Answer in a Sentence or Two

6. **Life Itself: A Memoir** by Roger Ebert

Roger Ebert is the best-known film critic of our time. He has been reviewing films for the *Chicago Sun-Times* since 1967, and was the first film critic ever to win a Pulitzer Prize. For the first time, he tells the full, dramatic story of his life and career.

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7. **Inheritance** by Christopher Paolini

Not so very long ago, Eragon—Shadeslayer, Dragon Rider—was nothing more than a poor farm boy, and his dragon, Saphira, only a blue stone in the forest. Now the fate of an entire civilization rests on their shoulders. They must confront Galbatorix. When they do, they will have to be strong enough to defeat him. And if they cannot, no one can. There will be no second chances.

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8. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever** by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley is in big trouble. School property has been damaged, and Greg is the prime suspect. But the crazy thing is, he's innocent. Or at least sort of. The authorities are closing in, but when a surprise blizzard hits, the Heffley family is trapped indoors. Greg knows that when the snow melts he's going to have to face the music, but could punishment be worse than being stuck inside with your family for the holidays?

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9. **Little Red Riding Hood** retold by Mr. Morton

In this retelling, Little Red Riding Hood sets out to visit her grandmother, but a tricky old wolf plans on eating Little Red Riding Hood. Disguised as Grandma Hood, the wolf sets a trap.

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