

Name: _____

Identifying Genre, Subgenre, & Author's Purpose

Directions: Read the descriptions of the texts and determine the genre and subgenre. Then write a sentence explaining your answer. You will also identify the author's purpose.

1. "All Summer in a Day" by Ray Bradbury

This short story is about a class of school children on Venus, a planet where the sun is visible for only two hours every seven years. A mean group of school children lock a young girl from Earth in the closet and forget about her for the whole two hours. She cries.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: Entertain Persuade Inform

Explain Your Answer:

2. "The Story of the Three Bears" Retold by Robert Southey

This is the story of a young girl who stumbled upon the home of three bears while walking through the woods. She eats the baby bear's porridge and sleeps in his bed, finding it to be "just right." She is awoken when the three bears return to find an intruder in their home and action ensues.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: Entertain Persuade Inform

Explain Your Answer:

3. Intermediate Science by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company

This is a science textbook. It contains the most up to date information about Earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, geology, astronomy and more.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: Entertain Persuade Inform

Explain Your Answer:

4. "More Sports at Ericson" by Kelvin Williams

Kelvin writes five paragraphs arguing for more sports programs at Ericson Scholastic Academy. He previews his points in his introduction and develops his three arguments in body paragraphs.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: Entertain Persuade Inform

Explain Your Answer:

5. The Fallen by Paul Langan

In this novel Martin Luna, a troubled teenager, struggles with the decision to take revenge on the person who killed his brother. A fight threatens to end his sophomore year at Bluford High School. And Frankie, the most feared homeboy from his neighborhood, is hunting him.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: **Entertain** **Persuade** **Inform**

Explain Your Answer:

6. I'm Still in School by Mr. Morton

This is Mr. Morton's life story, which he wrote himself.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: **Entertain** **Persuade** **Inform**

Explain Your Answer:

7. Breaking Dawn (the Twilight Sage) by Stephenie Meyer

The story of a teenage girl named Bella Swan who is in love triangle with a teenage vampire and werewolf. She must choose to either join the dark world of immortals or pursue a fully human life.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: **Entertain** **Persuade** **Inform**

Explain Your Answer:

8. "Paul Bunyan" retold by James MacGillivray

A collection of hilarious stories about a 40 foot lumberjack adventuring across the American frontier: It took three storks to carry Paul Bunyan to his parents, he sawed the legs of his parents' bed at seven months old, Paul dug the Grand Canyon while dragging his axe behind him, and so forth.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: **Entertain** **Persuade** **Inform**

Explain Your Answer:

9. Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

A fictional story set in Nazi-occupied Denmark in 1943 telling of a 10-year-old girl who undertakes a dangerous mission to save her best friend, Ellen Rosen, on the eve when Nazi's will capture Jews.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____

Author's Purpose: **Entertain** **Persuade** **Inform**

Explain Your Answer: