

Narrative Forms

- **Fable:** a story that teaches a lesson, often using animal characters that behave like people
- **Fantasy:** a story about characters that may not be realistic and about events that could not really happen
- **Folktale:** an old story that reveals the beliefs and customs of a culture
- **Historical fiction:** stories about characters who might have lived in the past and about events that might have really happened in history, with some made-up details and events
- **Legend:** a story that is based on fact but often includes exaggerations about the hero
- **Myth:** an ancient story often meant to explain the mysteries of life or nature
- **Play:** a story that is told mostly through dialogue and is meant to be performed on stage
- **Realistic fiction:** stories that portray characters and settings that could exist in real life, as well as events that could happen in real life
- **Short story:** a brief story that usually focuses on one character and one event
- **Tall tale:** a humorous story that tells about impossible happenings, exaggerating the accomplishments of the hero