

# Nonfiction

## Narrative Nonfiction:

### A. Biography

1. Purpose to tell factual information about all or part of a person's life written in third person
  - a. **Authentic Biography:** Based on research and documented , with no imagined details added
  - b. **Fictionalized Biography:** Based on research and documented , but with some details imagined for interest (such as dialogue)

### D Autobiography/Memoir

1. **Autobiography:** Purpose to tell factual information about all or part of a person's life as told by the person—written in first person
2. **Memoir:** Purpose to tell factual information about a significant time, place, person, or event in the author's life and explain the significance—written in first person

### B. Journal/Diary/Log

### C. Nonfiction Narratives

1. Purpose to tell factual information about a particular topic in a narrative/story style by using chronological structure.

## II. Expository Nonfiction: uses clear (non-narrative) organizational structure with a major topic and supporting information

### A. Informational Texts

1. Purpose to convey information about the natural or social world
2. Examples: Reference Books, Science and Social Studies Textbooks, Magazine Article, Brochures, CD-ROMS, and the Internet

### B. Procedural or How-To Texts (VDOE also refers to as functional text depending on format)

1. Purpose to tell someone how to do something
2. Directions, Recipes, Instruction Manuals

### C. Persuasive Texts

1. Purpose to convince the reader of the validity of a set of ideas—usually a particular point of view/viewpoint
2. Essays, Articles, Books

## III. Functional Nonfiction (frequently includes graphic aids -- see *Informational Text Features Chart* for a list of aids.)

### A. Applications

### B. Menus

### C. Signage and Maps

### D. Flyers for Events