Genre Characteristics

FANTASY:
• contains elements that are not realistic
  o talking animals
  o magical powers
  o often set in a medieval universe
  o possibly involving mythical beings

HISTORICAL FICTION:
• stories centered around the basis of a partially historical situation
• a novel set in a historical period

MYSTERY:
• a novel involving:
  o strangeness
  o solving a puzzling event or situation
  o something unknown
  o solving a crime
  o centered around a person who investigates wrongdoing
  o centered around a person or persons employed to obtain secret information

REALISTIC FICTION:
• stories that take place in modern times
• characters are involved in events that could happen.

SCIENCE FICTION:
• stories that often tell about science and technology of the future
• involving partially true fictions laws or theories of science
• Settings:
  o in the future
  o in space
  o on a different world
  o in a different universe or dimension