

Multigenre Glossary Guide

This guide is a list and description of all the genres you can use as you work on your multigenre glossary using the Multigenre Mapper. Keep this with you throughout your glossary project.

1. **Acrostic** An acrostic is a poem that takes a word and uses each of its letters as the first letter of a line in the poem. Make an acrostic poem using one of your vocabulary words. The acrostic must describe or define your vocabulary word.

Example Weakly limping after days of labor
Exhaustion takes its toll
All I want is a bed to sleep so I will be
Ready for work another day, another
Year

2. **Analogy** One form of analogy shows the relationship between two different things by stating _____ is to _____ as _____ is to _____. Using one of your vocabulary words, create an analogy.

Example Weary is to tired as morose is to sad.
Pomegranate is to fruit as broccoli is to vegetable.

3. **Connotation/Denotation Descrambler** Connotation is an idea or feeling that is associated with a word. Denotation is the dictionary definition of a word. Choose a vocabulary word and find a synonym for it in a thesaurus (or use www.thesaurus.com). Explain how the connotations of the two words are different even though the denotations are similar. Use examples from your reading to help examine the connotation of your vocabulary word in comparison to its synonym.

Example While "morose" basically means "sad," the two words have different connotations. When I hear someone say they are morose, it seems worse than if they say they are sad. Morose has a more serious connotation than sad. A person could be sad about something minor, but if they are morose, the problem is likely to be more serious and may not go away easily.

4. **Dialogue** Dialogue is speech between two or more people. Create a dialogue between two people that uses one of your vocabulary words correctly but doesn't *directly* define it. You can use characters from your reading or make up characters of your own. Find a creative way to use your word in a conversation: don't settle for something such as, "Hey, Suzie, what does *weary* mean?" "Oh, it means that a person is really tired."

Example "Hey, Leon," I whispered across the row to my friend who was fiddling with something in his desk. "What are you doing?"
"Shhh....You're going to get me in trouble." Leon hissed back at me. I watched Ms. Trimble move across the room away from us. "If you have a snack in there, I want some!"
"It's not food. I'm trying to splice some wires together." Leon's hands were working subtly to twist the ends of two wires so that they became one long wire.
"What for?"
"You'll see," Leon grinned. "Pretty soon we'll be able to hear everything that's going on in Alicia's tree house!"

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5. **Dictionary Entry** Using a classroom dictionary or www.dictionary.com as a guide, create a dictionary entry for one of your vocabulary words. Your entry must include the following parts in this order:
 - Vocabulary word spelled correctly (pomegranate)
 - Pronunciation of your word (‘pä-mi-gra-nit) Go to “Insert” and “Symbols” in Microsoft Word to find the correct letters. Cut and paste them into your Multigenre Mapper.
 - Part of speech (noun)
 - Definition (a tropical reddish fruit with many seeds and an edible crimson pulp)
 - Word origin/etymology including word parts if possible (comes from Middle English and Old French: “pome” means apple and “granate” means having many seeds.)
6. **Illustration with Caption:** Draw a picture in the top left box of the Multigenre Mapper that illustrates a sentence from your reading that contains one of your vocabulary words. After printing the Mapper, write the sentence with your word at the bottom as a caption.
7. **Newspaper Headline:** When you read the newspaper, the headline gives a clue about what the story below it will be about. Choose a vocabulary word and use it to write a newspaper headline.

Example Pessimists Don’t Believe City Can Save Taxpayers Money
New Studies Show Pessimists Must See to Believe
8. **Riddle:** A riddle is a question or statement that requires an answer. Write a riddle that includes one of your vocabulary words in the riddle or as an answer to the riddle.

Example This kind of person sees the glass as half empty instead of half full.
Answer: A pessimist.
What do you get when you splice an orange with a grapefruit?
Answer: An orangelo.
9. **Thesaurus Entry:** Using a classroom thesaurus or www.thesaurus.com as a guide, create a thesaurus entry for one of your vocabulary words. Your entry must include three synonyms that are very much like your word and three antonyms that are very different from your word.
10. **Word Tree:** Use the Multigenre Mapper to draw a tree with four branches. Once you print out your Mapper, write a vocabulary word and its definition at the base of the tree. Write the word’s root word along with its definition on the trunk of the tree. Now, find four other words that share this root word. Write them with their definitions on the branches of the tree.

Example deduct (root: duct = to lead, pull)
product, abduct, viaduct, aqueduct.