

Classifying Fiction Versus Nonfiction

Use this chart to help you classify the books in your classroom into fiction and nonfiction across all genres. First classify the book by genre, and then determine whether it fits the description of fiction or nonfiction.

Book Title	Genre <i>(Story, narrative, how-to book, informational book, persuasive book, or poem)</i>	Fiction <i>(Pretend or fake)</i>	Nonfiction <i>(Real world)</i>

Genres follow.

1. **Stories:** Also known as *narratives*, have a beginning, middle, end, plot, problem, and so on
2. **Instructional book:** A how-to book
3. **Informational book:** An all-about-something book
4. **Persuasive book:** A book that gives an opinion, reviews something, tries to convince someone to do something, or complains about something
5. **Poem:** Yes, just a poem