

# How to Read Each Genre

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Use these simple steps to unlock any text.



<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ARTICLE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name it: It's an article!</li> <li>2. Read the title: What is this article going to be about?</li> <li>3. Look at the text features</li> <li>4. Think about the text structure the author is using to organize the article</li> <li>5. Mark places to "stop and say something" in your inner voice</li> <li>6. Read closely</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LITERARY NONFICTION</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name it: It's a <i>biographical</i> article!</li> <li>2. Read the title: Who is the person the selection is about?</li> <li>3. Remember it will likely be in chronological order</li> <li>4. Look at the text features</li> <li>5. Mark places to "stop and say something" in your inner voice</li> <li>6. Read closely</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FICTION</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name it: It's a story!</li> <li>2. Think: realistic or historical fiction?</li> <li>3. "Draw" the story arc in your mind and map the story on it</li> <li>4. Notice the characters and their actions</li> <li>5. Mark places to "stop and say something" in your inner voice</li> <li>6. Read closely</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TRADITIONAL LITERATURE</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name it: It's a story!</li> <li>2. "Draw" the story arc in your mind and map the story on it</li> <li>3. Notice the characters and their actions</li> <li>4. Mark places to "stop and say something" in your inner voice</li> <li>5. Read closely</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DRAMA</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name it: It's a play that tells a story!</li> <li>2. Look at the characters</li> <li>3. Check the number of scenes</li> <li>4. Read the information in the brackets</li> <li>5. "Draw" the story arc and map the story on it</li> <li>6. Imagine yourself as the director</li> <li>7. Mark places to "stop and say something" in your inner voice</li> <li>8. Read closely</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>POEM</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name it: It's a poem!</li> <li>2. Meet the poem: READ and THINK, "What is the poem about?"</li> <li>3. Read again, this time CLOSELY</li> <li>4. Think about MOOD, noticing words that show <i>feeling</i></li> <li>5. Think about FORM; notice number of stanzas, lines and line breaks, rhyme, etc.</li> </ol>