

FICTION VS. NONFICTION



Fiction	Nonfiction
Not real 	Real and Factual 
Read for Entertainment 	Read to learn 
Illustrations 	Photos, charts, diagrams, and glossary 
Characters, Setting, Problem, Solution 	Different text structures 
Read in Sequential Order 1. 2. 3.	Can sometimes be read out of order 2. 1. 3.

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- an activity that kids should
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1st grade

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Each story includes:

- 1 page of multiple choice & short response questions
- 1 graphic organizer and writing prompt



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4-5	740L-1010L
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How to Teach Fiction vs. Nonfiction

Model

Hold up two books, one fiction and one nonfiction. Ask students what type of text each book is. As students respond, ask them to show how they determine the type of text.

Probing questions:

- Is the book real or not real? How do you know?
- Why would someone read this book?
- Are there illustrations or photographs?
- How is the book set up?

Understanding if a book is fiction or nonfiction can help us make before reading predictions. If the book is fiction, we know there will be characters, setting, problem, and solution. If the book is nonfiction, we know we will be learning about a topic.

Guided Practice

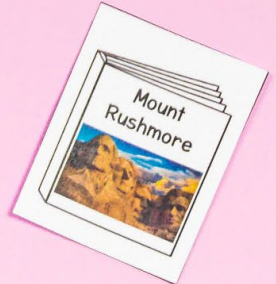
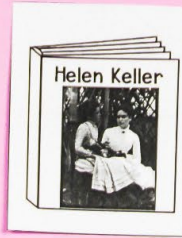
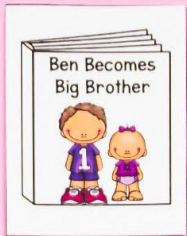
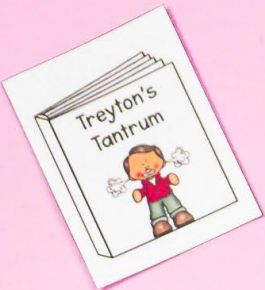
Collect a large range of fiction and nonfiction books. Ask students to help you sort them into a fiction and nonfiction pile.

Visuals

- Create an anchor chart displaying the difference between fiction and nonfiction.
- Students sort the text excerpts provided.
- Students use the fiction and nonfiction bookmarks to identify books while reading independently.

Differentiation

- Model determining the difference between fiction and nonfiction while previewing read aloud books.
- Use more visuals, such as the cover sorting pictures, to model genre sorting.
- Students who struggle with this skill may need more exposure to nonfiction books. Provide many opportunities for nonfiction reading and noticing text features.



Cover Sort	
Directions: Sort the book covers into the fiction or nonfiction column.	
FICTION	NONFICTION
A book cover titled "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" showing Alice and the White Rabbit. A book cover titled "Mary Poppins" showing Mary Poppins with her umbrella. A book cover titled "Problem on the Playground" showing two children on a swing set.	A book cover titled "All About Bees" showing a bee and a honey pot. A book cover titled "My Super Nanny Life" showing a silhouette of a person jumping over a hurdle.

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- c tell about a chef's life
- d tell why cooking is fun

3. What fact is true only in

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- b Paige made a special dish
- c There were other chefs
- d Man vs. Child was a TV show

4. How are the two selections

- a One message has to do with baking
- b One is a nonfiction story about a chef
- c One tells how to make a dish
- d One is a TV show

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Man vs. Child: Chef Showdown



Kids cooking shows are popular. The show, *Man vs. Child: Chef Showdown* is one of them. The show had five child cooking stars. All the kids were great chefs.

The youngest participant was Estie. She was eight years old. During the show, she did an interview. She talked about being a young chef. "I started cooking when I was three. My mom was really helpful. I started to catch up a lot. I got so advanced that my mom had no more to teach me. It's me teaching her," she said.

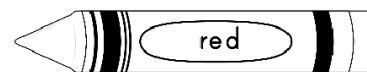
Estie liked to try new foods. She liked unpopular foods. She felt these foods helped her in the competition. "I'm not even close to picky. I'll eat anything that's on my plate. Once, I tried a yummy grasshopper," she said. Estie wants to be a professional chef. Being on the show was her first step to that dream.

All the kids felt proud to be on the show. After the show was canceled, the kids said they were thankful. They knew they were lucky. They loved sharing their talent with others.

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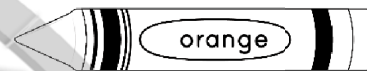
Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown.

1. "A Treat for Grandmother" tells-



- a. how to make a dish and the ingredients.
- b. the types of food kids can cook.
- c. a true story of a girl who was a young chef on a TV show.
- d. information about cooking shows with kids.

2. The two selections are similar because they-



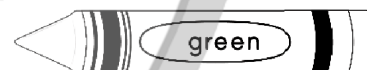
- a. show that kids cannot be chefs.
- b. explain how to bake.
- c. tell about real kids who love to cook.
- d. tell why cooking is important.

3. What fact is given only in "Man vs. Child: Chef Showdown"?



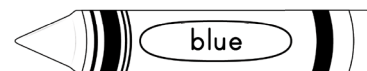
- a. Man vs. Child is the only show on TV that had kids as chefs.
- b. Paige made a special dessert for her grandmother.
- c. There were other kid cooking shows after Master Chef Junior.
- d. Man vs. Child was on TV for three seasons.

4. How are the two selections different?



- a. One passage has facts about baking, and the other has opinions about baking.
- b. One is a nonfiction text about kids on a cooking show, and the other is a fiction story about a girl who cooks.
- c. One tells how to make a special treat, and the other tells how to be on TV.

5. In both passages, cooking is described as-



- a. an activity only for adults.
- b. an activity for TV shows.
- c. an activity that kids should do with their father.
- d. an activity that both adults and kids can enjoy.

A Treat for Grandmother vs. Man vs. Child:

Directions: Sort the excerpts from the two passages below.

FICTION

Why did the author write this text?

☐ To teach me about _____

☐ To tell me a story about _____

Are there images?

☐ Illustrations

☐ Photographs

How is the text organized?

☐ It tells about a topic

☐ In order from the beginning, middle, and end

• Who are the characters?

• What is the setting?

• What is the problem?

• What is the solution?

NONFICTION

Why did the author write this text?

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☐ To tell me a story about _____

Are there images?

☐ Illustrations

☐ Photographs

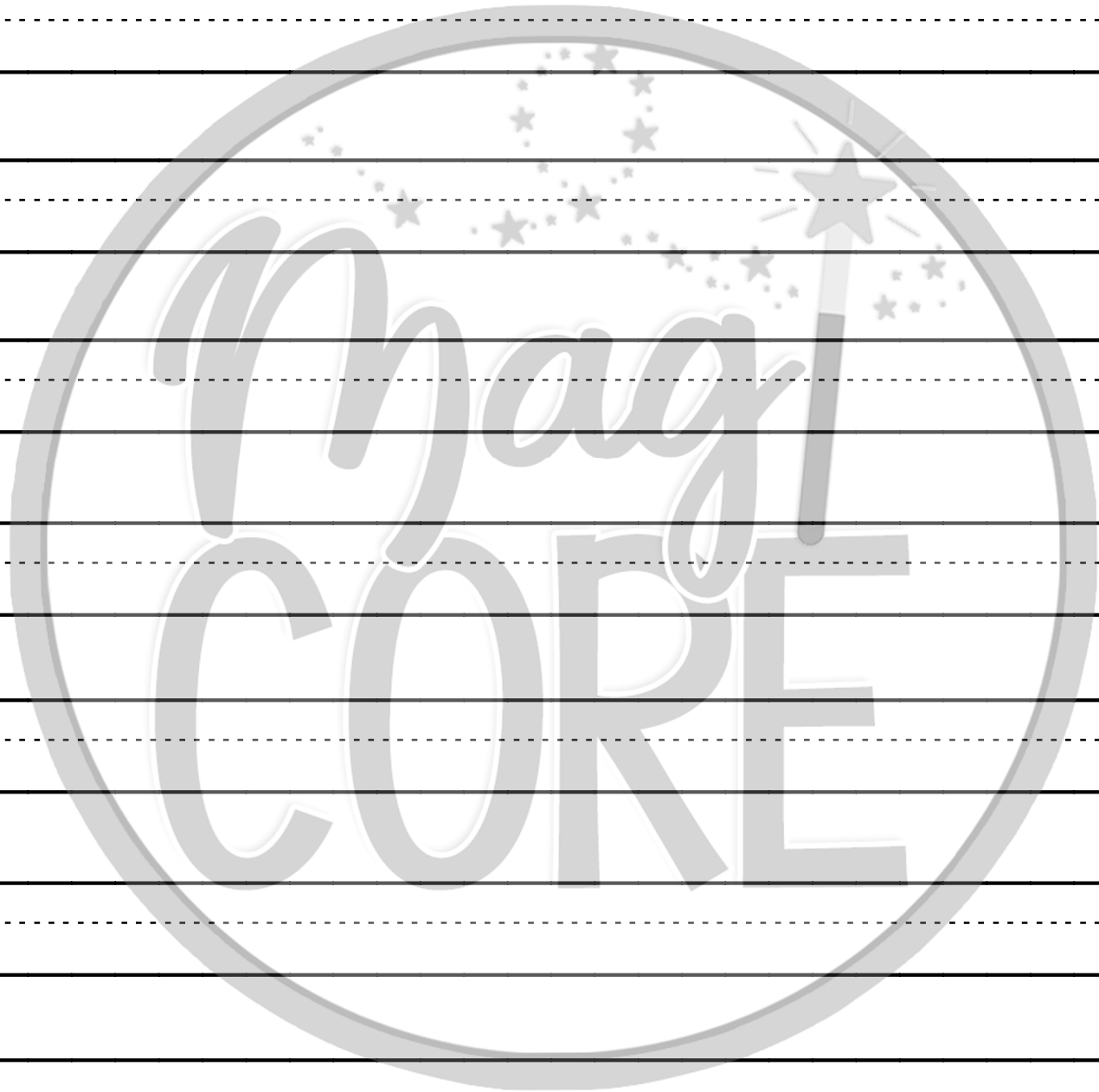
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What topic is the author discussing?

Which passage is fiction and which passage is nonfiction? Use evidence from the previous organizer to support your response.



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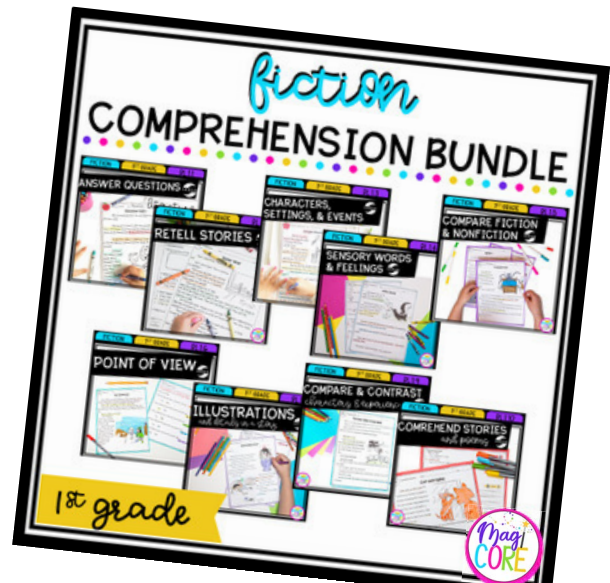


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