

# Literary vs. Informational Texts

CCSS requires students read and understand a **wide range** of grade-appropriate complex texts.

## LITERARY

Written primarily to entertain

- **Fictional Stories**
  - Adventure
  - Folktales (3-5)
  - Legends (3-5)
  - Fables (3-5)
  - Fantasy (3-5)
  - Realistic Fiction
  - Myths
  - Historical Fiction (6-12)
  - Mysteries (6-8)
  - Science Fiction (6-12)
  - Allegories (6-12)
  - Parodies (6-12)
  - Satire (6-12)
  - Graphic Novels (6-12)
- **Poetry**
  - Nursery Rhymes (3-5)
  - Narrative Poems
  - Limericks (3-5)
  - Free Verse Poems
  - Lyrical Poems (6-12)
  - Sonnets (6-12)
  - Odes (6-12)
  - Ballads (6-12)
  - Epics (6-12)
- **Drama**
  - Staged Dialogue (3-5)
  - Brief Familiar Scenes (3-5)
  - One-Act Plays (6-12)
  - Multi-Act Plays (6-12)
- **Digital Texts**

## VS. INFORMATIONAL

Written primarily to inform

- **Literary Non-Fiction**
- **History/Social Science Texts**
- **Science/Technical Texts**
- **Digital texts**

### Additional Categories:

- Advertisements
- Agendas
- Autobiographies (3-5)
- Biographies
- Company profiles
- Contracts
- Correspondence
- Essays (6-12)
- Feature articles
- Government documents
- Histories
- Interviews
- Journal articles (6-12)
- Legal documents
- Magazine articles
- Memoirs (6-12)
- News articles
- Opinion/Editorial pieces (6-12)
- Political cartoons
- Primary and Secondary Sources<sup>3</sup>
- Product specifications
- Product/Service descriptions
- Recipes
- Reports
- Reviews
- Science investigations
- Speeches
- Textbooks
- Tourism guides
- Training manuals/User guides