

FICTION

Fake, Not real

Characters: Made up
people & animals

Plot: Made up events

Point of view:

1st: I tell my story

3rd: s/he or narrator tells
the story

Setting: Time & place

Elements of fiction:

Novels, short stories,
novellas

Read to enjoy

Read in order.

Often includes a theme or
message about life.

Usually has a problem &
solution.

Has a beginning, middle &
end

NON FICTION

Not fake, real

Characters: Real people &
animals

Plot: True events

Point of view:

From the author's
perspective.

Setting: Historical context.

From that time period

Social & cultural
information.

Elements of fiction:

Biographies, auto
biographies, memoirs,
letters, diaries, journals,
informational text, essays,
& articles.

Read to learn

Read in any order

Presents facts or
discusses concepts.

Has things like a table of
contents, index, charts,
photographs, a bibliography
etc.



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