

UNIT 2 Facing Challenges Nonfiction Connection

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NONFICTION

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"Truth is stranger than fiction." That is an old saying which suggests that real life is often more extraordinary than an imagined story. Whether or not you agree with this, it is certain that well-crafted nonfiction can be just as interesting as any fictional narrative.

Nonfiction

Nonfiction is an account of a subject which is presented as fact.



Nonfiction

- ◎ This work may be accurate or not; that is, it can give either a true or a false account of the subject in question. However, it is generally assumed that the authors of such accounts believe them to be truthful at the time of their writing.



Nonfiction

- Nonfiction is one of the two main divisions in prose, particularly used in libraries, the other being fiction. However, nonfiction need not necessarily be written text, since pictures and film can also purport to present a factual account of a subject.



Nonfiction

- Essays, journals, documentaries, scientific papers, photographs, biographies, textbooks, blueprints, technical documentation, user manuals, diagrams and journalism are all common examples of non-fiction works.



Nonfiction

- Other works can legitimately be either fiction or nonfiction, such as documentaries, letters, magazine articles, histories, websites, speeches, and travelogues.

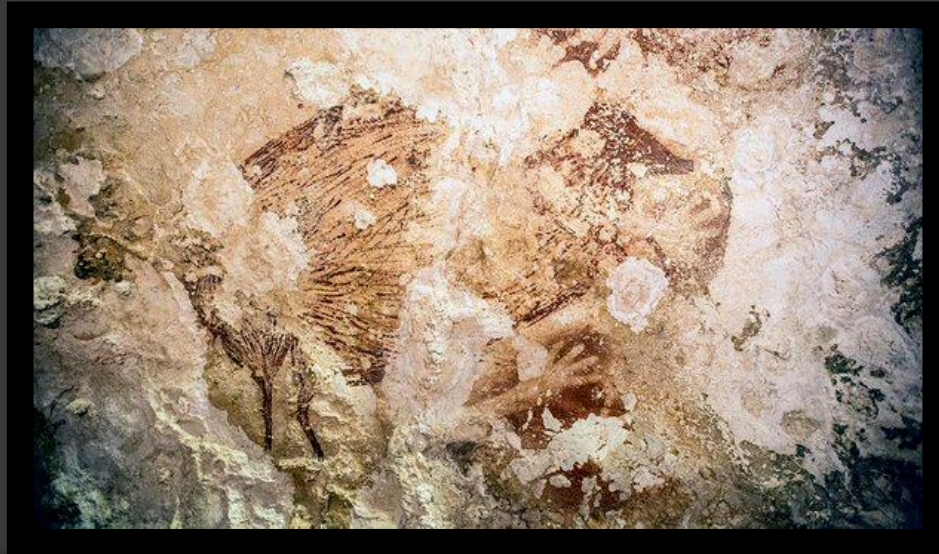


WHAT IS THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FICTION AND NONFICTION?

- ◎ Fiction - Books that are made up by the author's imagination, or have not occurred in the real world, are fiction.
- ◎ Nonfiction - is the opposite of fiction. Books that are nonfiction, or factual, are about real things, people, events, and places.

History of Nonfiction

Cave paintings, from as far back as 40,000 years ago, depict domesticated animals and geometric patterns.



History of Nonfiction

Cave paintings, from 20,000 years ago, are among the oldest forms of human expression and could be either a record of what prehistoric man hunted (non-fiction), or alternately a story expressing what they would like to catch (fiction).



Cave painting, Lascaux, France, 15,000 to 10,000 B.C.

History of Nonfiction

- Sumerian cuneiform inscriptions, which hold the earliest writings, seem to have been initially for non-fiction. The earliest texts in existence deal with the buying and selling of items and other economic matters, although fiction was not far behind.



Types or Forms of Nonfiction

- ◉ Almanac
- ◉ Autobiography
- ◉ Biography
- ◉ Blueprint
- ◉ Book report
- ◉ Diagram
- ◉ Diary
- ◉ Dictionary
- ◉ Documentary film
- ◉ Encyclopedia
- ◉ Essay
- ◉ History
- ◉ Journalism
- ◉ Letter
- ◉ Literary criticism
- ◉ Memoir
- ◉ Photograph
- ◉ Science book
- ◉ Scientific paper
- ◉ Speech
- ◉ Statute
- ◉ Textbook
- ◉ Travelogue
- ◉ User manual

Forms of Nonfiction Explored in Unit 2

◎ Biography

is the story of a person's life written by someone else.

◎ Autobiography

is the story of a person's life written by that same person.

◎ A Memoir

is a type of autobiography that focuses on one incident or period in a person's life.

Forms of Nonfiction Explored in Unit 2...

◎ Essay

a short work that presents a single main idea, or thesis, about a particular topic. There are several different kinds of essays.

◎ A Speech

a public address that was originally delivered orally.



Purposes and Methods of Nonfiction

Mode of Writing	Purpose	Examples
informative	to inform	news article, research report
narrative	to express thoughts or ideas, or to tell a story	personal account, memoir
descriptive	to portray a person, place, object, or event	travel brochure, personal profile
argumentative	to convince people to accept a position and respond in some way	editorial, petition

Objectivism vs. Subjectivism

- ⦿ Although there is a claim of “factual truth” by part of those that write non-fiction the reality is that one man’s truth can be another man’s lie.
- ⦿ While some make an effort to stick to the facts, others are much more interested in sharing their own perceptions.



Objectivism vs. Subjectivism

- Writing that presents facts without revealing the writer's feeling and opinions is said to be **objective**.
- When a writer uses a very personal tone and deliberately reveals opinions and feelings we say his approach is **subjective**.

Assessment:

- ⦿ What are the two main divisions in prose writing?
- ⦿ How far ago can we see early examples of non-fiction?
- ⦿ Give 6 examples of non-fictional media.
- ⦿ What is the main difference between fiction and non-fiction?
- ⦿ What is the main difference between objectivity and subjectivity?

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Assessment (cont.):

Write a *one page narrative (tells a story) or persuasive (tries to convince) essay choosing one of the following themes:

- Why it's better to give than to receive
- The most important life lesson I learned so far
- The reason graduating is so important to me

* Around 500 words



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