



Chart of Text Features, Forms, and Genres

Text Features (Design/presentation)	Text Forms (Physical forms and functions)	Genres (Literary or thematic categories)
<p>Structural elements and navigation aids such as: Table of contents Index Title and topic Headings Preface or Foreword Epilogue Captions Footnotes and endnotes Glossary Bibliography Pull-down menus Hyperlinks</p> <p>Typographical or design elements such as: Font or type style Bold and italic print Colour Layout</p> <p>Illustrations such as: Inlays and cross-sections Pull quotes Sidebars Photos Graphs and charts Timelines Maps</p>	<p>Narrative (fiction or informational) such as: stories told in poetry, novels, short stories, picture books</p> <p>Recount (fiction or informational) first-person accounts such as: diaries, journals, short stories, novels, memoirs</p> <p>Procedure such as: recipes, rule books, directions and maps, instruction manuals, “how to” books and posters, experiments</p> <p>Exposition such as: essays, position papers, articles, advertisements</p> <p>Explanation such as: textbooks in science, social studies, history, geography</p> <p>Report such as: magazine and newspaper reports, letters, editorials, critical reviews, essays, posters</p> <p>Electronic text such as: multimedia texts, e-mail, blogs, websites, broadcasts</p> <p>Functional text such as: lists, memos, notes, pamphlets, brochures, flyers, print advertisements, CD cover inserts, invitations, announcements, programs, business letters, scripts, minutes of a meeting</p>	<p>Adventure Epic Fable Fairy tale Fantasy Folk tale Historical fiction Horror Humour and satire Legend Mystery Myth Poetry Realistic fiction Science fiction Autobiography Biography Memoir Diary or journal Travel book Atlas Textbook Reference text</p>

A Guide to Effective Literacy Instruction, Grades 4 to 6: A Multivolume Resource from the Ministry of Education (2006), 1:37.