

SMART™ Lesson

Literature: Fantasy

Welcome to our lesson on analyzing fantasy genre conventions!

What is Fantasy?

Fantasy is a genre of literature that features magical or supernatural elements, often set in imaginary worlds with their own rules and laws. Common themes in fantasy include good versus evil, heroism, and quests. Fantasy stories often feature mythical creatures such as dragons, unicorns, and wizards.

Genre Conventions

Genre conventions are the elements of a specific genre that readers expect to find in a story. The conventions of fantasy include:

- Magical or supernatural elements
- An imaginary or alternate world
- A hero or protagonist who often has a special power or ability
- A conflict between good and evil
- Quests, adventures, and battles

Identifying Genre Conventions

When analyzing a fantasy story, it's important to look for these conventions. Here are some questions to ask yourself when reading:

- What magical or supernatural elements are present in the story?
- Is the story set in an imaginary or alternate world?
- Who is the hero or protagonist, and what special power or ability do they have?
- Is there a clear conflict between good and evil?
- What quests, adventures, or battles take place?

Worksheet Questions

1. What is fantasy?
2. List three common themes in fantasy stories.
3. What are genre conventions?
4. What are some conventions of the fantasy genre?
5. Why is it important to look for genre conventions when analyzing a story?
6. Provide an example of a magical or supernatural element in a fantasy story.

7. What is the hero's role in a fantasy story?
8. Why is there often a conflict between good and evil in a fantasy story?
9. Provide an example of a quest, adventure, or battle in a fantasy story.

Great job! You've learned about the fantasy genre and the conventions that are often found in these stories.

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Analyzing Genre Conventions

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