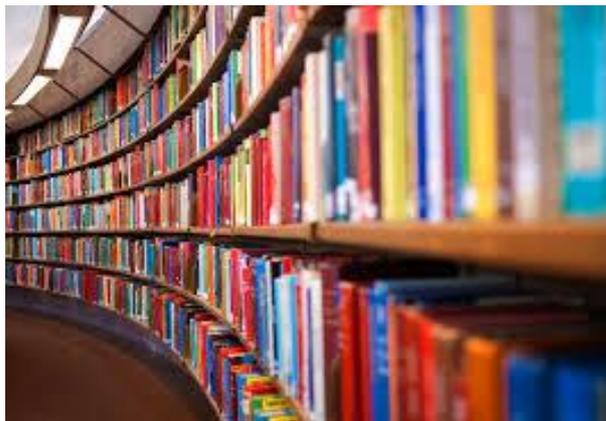


LONGMAN Exams Dictionary: TOPIC Activator
Vocabulary: BOOKS AND LITERATURE

Exercise 1. Match the types of literature 1-9 to their definitions A - I.



- ___ 1 genre
- ___ 2 fiction
- ___ 3 non-fiction
- ___ 4 poetry
- ___ 5 drama
- ___ 6 biography
- ___ 7 autobiography
- ___ 8 allegory
- ___ 9 parable

A a short simple story that teaches a moral or religious lesson, especially one of the stories told by Jesus in the Bible

B a book that someone writes about his or her own life

C a particular type of literature which has certain features which all examples of this type share

D books about real facts or events, not imagined ones

E books and stories about imaginary people and events

F a story, painting etc in which the events and characters represent particular ideas or teach a moral lesson

G plays that are written to be performed in the theatre, on radio, on television etc

H writing that expresses emotions, experiences, and ideas, especially in short lines using words that rhyme

I a book about someone's life, written by someone else

Exercise 2. Complete the sentences. Use one word in each gap.

parable fiction autobiography drama non-fiction
genres biography poetry allegory

1. His _____ work includes a study of Indian migration to the Caribbean.
2. There was the triumph of the novel over all other literary _____ in the nineteenth century
3. A _____ is a short simple story that teaches a moral or religious lesson, especially one of the stories told by Jesus in the Bible, for example, the parable of 'The Lost Sheep'.
4. In her _____, Doris Lessing writes about her childhood in Zimbabwe.
5. She is one of the few women to have established herself as a writer in television _____.
6. This small band of women writers dominated the romantic _____ market for a number of years.
7. She is the author of several books, including a _____ of the artist Salvador Dali.
8. He has published two collections of _____.
9. The story works as an _____ about repression and rebellion.

Answer Key

Exercise 1.

- 1 C
- 2 E
- 3 D
- 4 H
- 5 G
- 6 I
- 7 B
- 8 F
- 9 A

Exercise 2.

1. His **non-fiction** work includes a study of Indian migration to the Caribbean.
2. There was the triumph of the novel over all other literary **genres** in the nineteenth century
3. A **parable** is a short simple story that teaches a moral or religious lesson, especially one of the stories told by Jesus in the Bible, for example, the parable of 'The Lost Sheep'.
4. In her **autobiography**, Doris Lessing writes about her childhood in Zimbabwe.
5. She is one of the few women to have established herself as a writer in television **drama**.
6. This small band of women writers dominated the romantic **fiction** market for a number of years.
7. She is the author of several books, including a **biography** of the artist Salvador Dali.
8. He has published two collections of **poetry**.
9. The story works as an **allegory** about repression and rebellion.