

Genre and Subgenre Practice #3

Text Structure Practice #4

- Directions:**
- Read the descriptions of the texts.
 - Look for details that reveal the genre and text structure.
 - Write the genre, subgenre, and text structure on the lines.
 - Write a sentence explaining your answer about the genre and subgenre.*

* Quality answers include the text title, the subgenre, and textual evidence.

1. Fallen Walkers by Wells Taylor Dyson

Far below the surface of earth, a group of children in a secret government program are trained to pilot Mech-Walkers: giant mechanical insects that protect the earth from hostile space barbarians with their robo-insect powers. When Vander, the leader of the Mech-Walkers, disappears in combat, the Mech-Walkers need to find a new leader. When Seth, a boy from the surface, stumbles into Mech-Walkers while being chased by bullies, he becomes an unlikely candidate.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____ Text Structure _____

Explain your Answer

2. Diary Wanted by Gail Labors

Katie Oaks is one of the most trusted girls in her class. Maybe they like how Katie listens, or maybe they just feel comfortable around her, but all of the other girls tell their secrets to Katie. When Katie gets a diary for her birthday, she can't help but to write down the secrets that she learns, but when her diary goes missing, Katie finds herself in a tight corner.

Genre: _____ Subgenre: _____ Text Structure _____

Explain your Answer

3. Mr. Lincoln's Groceries by Curtis D. Davis

The year is 1835 and Bobby Pierce is trying to save up money for a new wagon wheel to repair his father's broken wagon. After rescuing a storeowner's dog from a runaway wagon, Bobby gets a job as a delivery boy at a local grocery store. During his tenure at the store, Bobby delivers groceries weekly to Abraham Lincoln, then a young state politician. The two get off to a rough start, but soon Bobby learns the wisdom of Lincoln's ways, and each offers the other advice when it is most needed.

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Explain your Answer

4. Dog Soldiers: Warriors of the Cheyenne by M. D. Carroll

The Dog Soldiers were one of six elite military societies of the Cheyenne Indians. During the 1830s they played a strong role in repelling and pushing back American expansion in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. The Dog Soldiers were known for their highly aggressive and effective attacks and their peculiar habit of "pinning down" their long tails to the ground, fighting to the death or until a tribe mate "unpins" the tail of the warrior. This text describes the Dog Soldiers' society and role in history.

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5. Why Are They Booing? by Mr. Morton

In this candid and gripping account, Mr. Morton describes his real life career as a musician. After playing the trumpet in the school band for two years, Mr. Morton thinks that he has what it takes to make it big as a musician. He then quits his job teaching and starts making demo tapes in the studio, even though nobody has a cassette player anymore. Will Mr. Morton strike it big as a musician or will he crawl back to his principal begging for his old job? Find out in this compelling 940-page text written by Mr. Morton and about Mr. Morton.

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6. A Game of Cat and Mouse by Patrick Carman

A strange telegram lures fourteen-year-old Amy Cahill and her younger brother, Dan, deep into Russia and away from the only trustworthy adult they know. Signed with the initials NRR, the telegram launches a race to uncover a treasure stolen by the Nazis and the truth behind the murder of the last Russian royal family. All too soon, the treasure hunt starts to smell like a Lucian trap. But the bait might just be irresistible... what will Amy and Dan risk to find out what *really* happened on the night their parents died?

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Explain your Answer