Literacy Menu

Name_____   Date_____

Directions: Choose five books form EACH genre listed below.   If you are unsure about a book you have chosen, check with a resource-friend, before checking with me.   Once you have chosen a book from the genre you need to read it. When finished reading, please do the task for each book below. If you have questions see me before you begin working on this menu.

Realistic Fiction

The characteristics of this genre are that the characters could be real, the conflict and resolution could be real, the setting could be real, the events could be real, BUT there are some parts of the story that are made up. **When finished respond** in your journal by creating a t-chart and completing a character analysis. Please re-draw this t-chart and place into your journal for this task. In your journal you will need to enlarge this graphic organizer to fit one whole page.

Characters	Character Trait	Specific Example from text for Evidence

Historical Fiction

The characteristics of this genre are that the characters could be from history, the conflict and resolution could be historical, the setting could be historical, the events could be historical, BUT there are some elements of the story that are made up. When finished with your book respond in your journal by drawing out this graphic organizer in your journal full page.

Conflict with specific evidence from text to support	Resolution with specific evidence from text to support

Fantasy

The characteristics of this genre include elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. Make-believe is what this genre is all about. When finished respond in your journal by drawing out this graphic organizer in your journal full page.

Character	How FEELS at beginning with specific evidence from test to support	How FEELS at End of story with specific evidence from text

Biography

This is a story of someone's life that has been written by another person. Complete this graphic organizer in your journal for your response.

Personality Trait	Specific evidence of what character said, thought and did in Beginning, Middle & End

Non Fiction

Non fiction elements include text features to be used to give information or persuade readers about a topic. Non fiction uses facts and opinions.

Main Idea	Specific details to support main idea

Traditional Literature

These stories are passed down from generation to generation or within a culture to teach a moral or lesson. Folk tales, tall tales, myths, and legends are included in this gnere.

Character	Lesson learned at END of story