

GENRE LIST

Here is a list of some possible writing genres.

Acceptance speech	Elegy	Love letter	Radio spot
Ad copy	E-mail	Lullaby	Rap
Address to jury	Encyclopedia article	Magazine article	Recipe
Advice column	Epilogue	Manifesto	Recipe poem
Allegory	Epitaph	Manual	Recommendation
Apology	Essay	Map	Restaurant review
Autobiography	Eulogy	Memorandum	Resume
Billboard	Experiment	Memorial plaque	Riddle
Biography	Expose	Menu	Rock opera
Birth announcement	Fable	Minutes	Sales letter
Blueprint	Family history	Monologue	Schedule
Book review	Fashion show monologue	Movie review	Screenplay
Brochure	Flyer	Myth	Sermon
Bumper sticker	Foreword	Nature guide	Sign
Business letter	Fortune cookie insert	News story	Slogan
Bylaws	Found poem	Newsletter	Song lyric
Campaign ad	Graduation speech	Nomination speech	Spell
Campaign speech	Graffiti	Nonsense rhyme	Sports story
Cartoon	Greeting card	Nursery rhyme	Storyboard
Chant poem	Haiku	Obituary	Survey
Chat room log	Headline	Oracle	Tall tale
Cheer	Horoscope	Packaging copy	Test
Children's story	Infomercial	Parable	Thank-you note
Classified ad	Instructions	Petition	Theater review
Comic strip	Insult poem	Play	Toast
Consumer report	Interview	Poem	To-do list
Daydream	Invitation	Police report	Tour guide speech
Death certificate	Jingle	Post card	Translation
Debate	Joke	PowerPoint presentation	Treaty
Dialogue	Journal entry	Prayer	T-shirt design
Diary	Keynote address	Precis	TV spot
Diatribes	Law	Prediction	Want ad
Dictionary entry	Letter of complaint	Preface	Warrant
Directions	Letter to the editor	Profile	Wedding vows
Dream analysis	Letter of request	Prologue	
Editorial	Limerick	Public service announcement	

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