

# READING GENRES GAME SHOW

SMART Board

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**EDITABLE**

**SELF-CHECKING**

**NO PREP**

**GRADES 3-6**



**INTERACTIVE REVIEW GAME**

# WORKING SCOREBOARD

The scoreboard works ONLY in the PowerPoint version. Google Slides, unfortunately, does not have the same capabilities so you will need to track the scores on that version.





# INTERACTIVE GAMEBOARD

The point values only disappear after used on the Powerpoint version. Google Slides, unfortunately, does not have the same capabilities so you will need to keep track with the included question tracker.



The image shows a digital gameboard interface for a game called "Reading Genres Game Show". The board is organized into a grid of question cards. Each card is color-coded by genre and contains a point value. The genres are: Non-Fiction (pink), Fiction (orange), Which Genre? (green), This or That? (teal), and Mixed Bag (purple). The point values range from 100 to 500. To the right of the grid, the game title "READING GENRES GAME SHOW" is written vertically in large, bold letters, with colorful chevrons above it. Below the title are two buttons: "SCORE BOARD" and "RESET PAGE".

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READING GENRES  
GAME SHOW

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# EDITABLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

All questions and answers are editable, so you can change out the question if you'd rather it be something else. Images and categories are not editable.

## QUESTIONS

### STORY STRUCTURE FOR 200

Miles grabbed his duffel bag and left the police station in a hurry, ready to get out on his rounds. After driving for a while, he found his suspect. He reached into the passenger's seat for the duffel bag and rummaged for his spy camera, only to find that it was missing! Miles specifically remembered placing the camera in his bag. Tracing his steps in his mind, he only remembered bumping into the new recruit at the front desk. Remotely, Miles activated the spy camera and was surprised to see a plate of tasty donuts in front of the camera. "Ugh, he really thought it was a pen!" Miles sighed, before turning around to return to the police station and retrieve the pen from the rookie officer.

What is the **conflict** of the story?



SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD



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What is the **setting** of the story?



SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD



## ANSWERS

### STORY STRUCTURE FOR 200

(Answers may vary slightly.)

He reached into the passenger's seat for the duffel bag and rummaged for his spy camera, only to find that it was missing!



**Bonus question for 100 extra points**

What is the genre of the story?



SCORE-BOARD

BONUS ANSWER

BACK TO QUESTION

GAME BOARD



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(Answers may vary slightly.)

Miles is in his car and back and forth from police station.



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What is the genre of the story?



SCORE-BOARD

BONUS ANSWER

BACK TO QUESTION

GAME BOARD



\*Examples used are from ELA Skill Review Game Show as a reference and are not specific to this game.



# CATEGORY 1: NONFICTION GENRES

Students are given paragraphs written using nonfiction genres and they must determine which genre is being used.

## NONFICTION FOR 100

What is the genre for the passage?

Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama. Her mother, Leona, was a teacher and her father, James McCauley, was a carpenter. Life for Rosa as a child was difficult and full of doctor's visits. She often suffered from throat infections.



SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## NONFICTION FOR 200

What is the genre for the passage?

The biggest cat in the world is the tiger. These enormous felines can weigh up to 600 pounds. However, in captivity, the largest Siberian tiger ever recorded weighed over 1,000 pounds. To maintain their large size, tigers eat medium-sized mammals such as deer and wild boar.



SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## NONFICTION FOR 300

What is the genre for the passage?

Growing up in the era of the first computers was an exciting time. I clearly remember the first computer I ever saw. There were three separate parts: the huge monitor, the tower unit, and the keyboard. As soon as the machine turned on, numbers and words flashed across the black screen. Later, when I was in high school, my parents purchased a computer with a mouse. This would change my life completely.



SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## NONFICTION FOR 400

What is the genre for the passage?

A snowstorm shut down the city of Washington this weekend. Two feet of snow fell in just 48 hours, making streets impassable. As a result, the mayor closed roads and recommended that employers close their businesses on Monday. All schools in the area have canceled classes until Wednesday this week.



SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## NONFICTION FOR 500

What is the genre for the passage?

I believe the best decision for the city is to build a new school. The costs of renovation far outweigh the expense of building a new school. Furthermore, the old building is dangerous due to the old construction materials. The children deserve a safe, beautiful building in which to study. The old building would be better used as an office.



SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD



# CATEGORY 2: FICTION GENRES

Students are given paragraphs written using fiction genres and they must determine which genre is being used.

## FICTION FOR 100

What is the genre for the passage?

Johnny grabbed his skateboard before heading to the park. He planned to spend the morning skating and learning tricks with his friends. However, on the way to the park, he was surprised to find a bird's nest on the sidewalk. Glancing up behind him, he realized that it must have fallen from a tree.



## FICTION FOR 200

What is the genre for the passage?

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Wet the butterfly's delicate toes,  
As she looked for sweet nectar to drink,  
Nestled in the petals, pretty and pink.

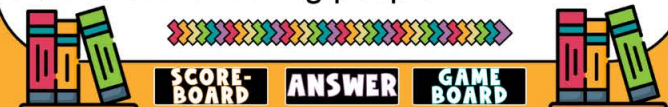
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Her beautiful dance and wings,  
Are very clear signs of spring.



## FICTION FOR 300

What is the genre for the passage?

"The Queen has died," announced the town crier. The people in the village gasped. Women who were buying bread stopped and looked at each other in shock. Barbara knew she should get home quickly to tell her mother the news. She grabbed her breadbasket and wove her way through the crowds of murmuring people.



## FICTION FOR 400

What is the genre for the passage?

It all started out as a beautiful day in the park. However, by the time we started hiking, some clouds were rolling in. Before long, there was a full-force thunderstorm pouring down on us. I was petrified of the lightning and thunder that overwhelmed my senses. To make matters worse, we lost track of the trail. In trying to take a short cut, we made our trip back to the car at least twice as long. By the time we made it to safety, we were completely soaked.



## FICTION FOR 500

What is the genre for the passage?

Brenda: Where will we go? How will we get there?  
Hannah: We'll just have to find a way. We can't stay here. It's too dangerous. Lots of people move to new countries. Surely we can do it too.  
Brenda: I'm scared.  
Hannah: I know you are, dear. But, your father and I will think of a plan. We'll make sure that you're safe. That's the most important part.





# CATEGORY 3: WHICH GENRE?

Students are given paragraphs with four genre options and they must determine which is correct.

## WHICH GENRE? FOR 100

Detective Dawson watched carefully as the suspect ordered a cup of coffee. From her position in the corner of the shop, she could easily snap a few pictures without the suspect noticing. When the man left the shop, Detective Dawson carefully trailed him. His next moves could offer the answers that would explain the entire mystery.

What is the genre for the passage?

- A. FOLK TALE C. MYSTERY  
B. FANTASY D. SUSPENSE

SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## WHICH GENRE? FOR 200

The majestic dragons swooped down over the valley. Finally, they returned to where Jason and Zada were standing. Zada's dragon dropped the ball in front of her and tucked in her wings. "So, do you think they're ready to practice with the real thing?" asked Jason. "Maybe," Zada replied. "There's only one way to find out." Zada took a deep breath and reached into her bag for the magical stone.

What is the genre for the passage?

- A. FOLK TALE C. LEGEND  
B. FANTASY D. SUSPENSE

SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## WHICH GENRE? FOR 300

Tim clanged down the steps on his bicycle. His heart felt like it would beat right out of his chest, but Tim powered through. Maybe it was the adrenaline that helped him pedal so fast. When he got to the end of the corner, he quickly glanced behind him to see if he had lost the robber. There was no sign of him, but Tim knew he needed help, and fast. "Think, Tim," he said to himself. "Where's the police station?"

What is the genre for the passage?

- A. LEGEND C. FOLK TALE  
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SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## WHICH GENRE? FOR 400

Goldilocks walked into the empty house and began to explore. First, she noticed three chairs. She tried the biggest chair first, but it was much too big to be comfortable. Then, she tried the medium-sized chair, but it was too soft. Finally, she tried the smallest chair. "It's juuuust right!" Goldilocks said, smiling. She leaned back onto the chair until it stood on just two legs. Suddenly, the chair gave way and it fell to the ground in splinters.

What is the genre for the passage?

- A. FOLK TALE C. MYSTERY  
B. FANTASY D. SUSPENSE

SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## WHICH GENRE? FOR 500

Dressed from head to toe in green, Robin Hood hid stealthily in the woods. Soon, a carriage would pass through, carrying a wealthy merchant who treated poor people very badly. Soon, Robin Hood would help make things right. Robin Hood kept one eye on the path and extended his bow and arrow. He had to be ready at just the right moment to attack the carriage with the help of his merry men.

What is the genre for the passage?

- A. FOLK TALE C. MYSTERY  
B. LEGEND D. FANTASY

SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD



# CATEGORY 4: THIS OR THAT?

Students are given paragraphs and two choices of genres and students must determine which is correct.

## THIS OR THAT? FOR 100

The tortoise moved steadily along the path towards the finish line. However, the hare was still resting. He was sure that he would be able to catch up to the tortoise in a flash as soon as he got up. The grass was so nice and soft and the sun shined down softly through the leaves. The rabbit settled even more into the grass and fell asleep.

What is the genre for the passage?

**THIS? OR THAT?**  
Fable      Mystery

SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## THIS OR THAT? FOR 200

There ain't nobody as strong as John Henry. The hammer he used for nailing down railroad tracks was so heavy it took two normal men to pick it up. However, John could grab that hammer and use it to work faster than any machine on the face of the planet. In fact, one day, John Henry beat a railroad track building machine in a competition. On that day, he saved the jobs of all of the railroad workers in West Virginia.

What is the genre for the passage?

**THIS? OR THAT?**  
Science Fiction      Tall Tale

SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## THIS OR THAT? FOR 300

Have you ever wondered where lightning comes from? According to the Greeks, Zeus was the cause of this natural phenomenon. He was the king of the gods and lived on Mount Olympus. Whenever he got angry with the humans, he would conjure up a big thunderstorm. Then, he threw down lightning bolts to smite anyone who might disobey him.

What is the genre for the passage?

**THIS? OR THAT?**  
Adventure      Myth

SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## THIS OR THAT? FOR 400

Whinnying, the horse bucked his rider and galloped off among the cacti. In shock, the cowboy simply sat in the sand. Finally, he rolled over and found himself face to face with the very thing that had spooked his horse: a rattlesnake. The snake flicked its tongue as it slithered across the sand. The cowboy found himself in a very difficult situation. However, he quickly sprang into action when he heard the sound of a pack of horses thundering across the desert.

What is the genre for the passage?

**THIS? OR THAT?**  
Western      Legend

SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## THIS OR THAT? FOR 500

The hikers had reached the top of the mountain. However, that's when their true adventure began. After making camp and lighting their campfire, they realized that this remote mountaintop was home to a bobcat. It was Priscilla who first saw the tracks. She pointed them out to her companions, who brushed off her concern.

What is the genre for the passage?

**THIS? OR THAT?**  
Fantasy      Adventure

SCORE-BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD



# CATEGORY 5: MIXED BAG

Questions consist of a variety of questions from each of the other categories.

## MIXED BAG FOR 100

"Get back here!" said the little old lady to the gingerbread man, as she chased him around the house. However, the gingerbread man was too fast. He yelled back at her in a sing-song voice, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!" Finally, the little old lady gave up. The gingerbread man kept running.

What is the genre for the passage?

**THIS? OR THAT?**

Traditional Literature

Biography

SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## MIXED BAG FOR 200

"Let's go!" shouted Greg without thinking twice. Before he knew it, the horses jerked forward pulling the cart full of pumpkins behind them. Unfortunately, the pumpkins hadn't yet been secured. Soon, they were bouncing and rolling down the street. The group of grandmothers hobbled after them as best they could in their high heels. Having witnessed the hilarious scene, Sarah doubled over with laughter. Finally, she dried her eyes and said to Greg, "That's their signal, 'Let's go!'"

"Yep," Greg replied. "I see." The two burst into laughter again.

What is the genre for the passage?

A. ADVENTURE C. HUMOR

B. TALL TALE D. MYTH

SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## MIXED BAG FOR 300

The glass slipper remained on the steps of the palace until the prince's servants found it. "Sir, we found this glass shoe. Could it be the mysterious maiden's?" the butler asked the prince. "Most certainly, thank you," answered the prince. The prince knew that he had to find the beautiful maiden with whom he had danced the night before. The shoe was his ticket to finding her.

What is the genre for the passage?

A. FAIRY TALE C. FOLK TALE

B. TALL TALE D. LEGEND

SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD

## MIXED BAG FOR 400

What is the genre for the passage?

Hot tears rolled down Abby's face.

Sprawled out across the ground, she could tell that her knee had been scraped badly.

Her brother, Dylan came running over to her. "Are you ok?" he asked. He helped her sit up and moved her bike off the path. "That was a pretty bad fall," he said, handing her a water bottle.



SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

GAME BOARD



## MIXED BAG FOR 500

What is the genre for the passage?

The family boarded the spaceship, which immediately took off from the unstable planet. Behind them, volcanoes spewed lava into the air, and earthquakes shattered the ground. Sarah's heart pounded as the rocket blasted out of the atmosphere and into space. She looked frantically behind them to see if any of the other rockets had managed to take off in time. Pulling up her wrist, she called Tristan. She was relieved when she saw his hologram image appear above her hand. "You made it!" she said.



SCORE BOARD

ANSWER

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# ANSWER SLIDES BUILT IN

Questions are all linked to their corresponding answer slides in both versions and also linked back to the question for reference.

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**BIOGRAPHY**



SCORE-BOARD

BACK TO QUESTION

GAME BOARD

## FICTION FOR 200

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**POETRY**



SCORE-BOARD

BACK TO QUESTION

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- D. SUSPENSE



SCORE-BOARD

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**THIS?**

← THIS

THAT →

**Western**

← THIS

THAT →

SCORE-BOARD

BACK TO QUESTION

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**SCIENCE FICTION**



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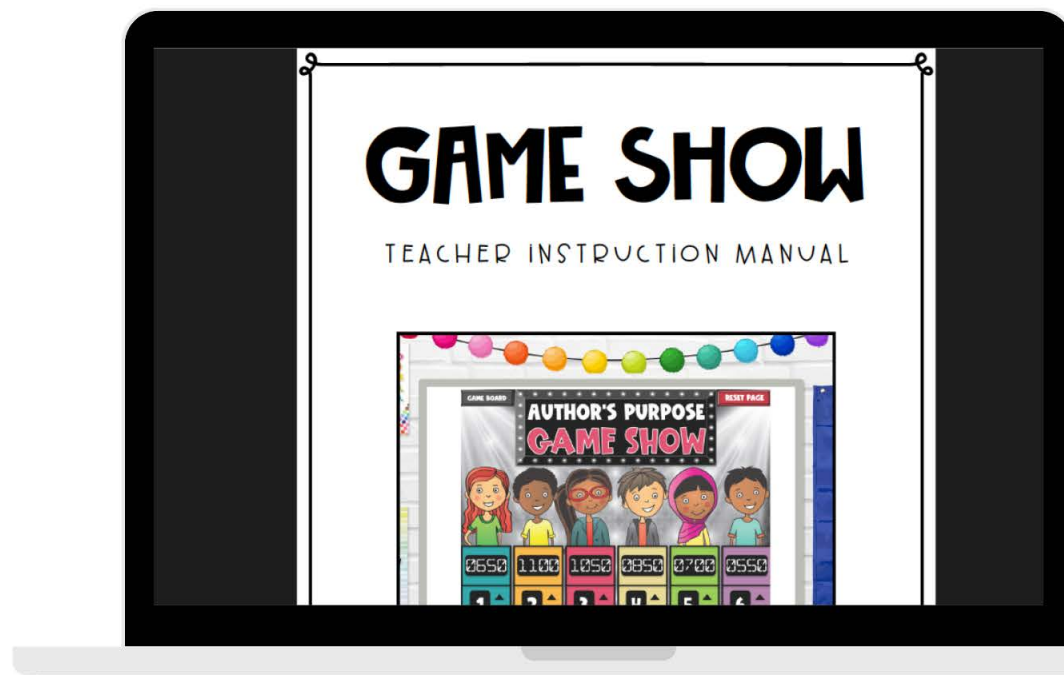
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- Science Fiction
- Tall Tale

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