

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Forms of Literature Test

Place the correct genre from the list below on the line under the definition that best fits its description. (1 point each)

<b>Novel</b> <b>American Folk Tradition</b>	<b>Short Story</b> <b>Poetry</b>	<b>Nonfiction</b> <b>Drama</b>
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1. Literature that appears in verse form.  
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2. Tells the story of a person's life, narrates a series of true events, describes a real scene, or presents information.  
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3. Tells a story through the words and actions of actors who impersonate the characters. Most of these are meant to be performed.  
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4. Long works of prose fiction that tells a story about imaginary people or animals called who live in a made-up world or setting.  
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5. A brief work of prose fiction that tells a story about imaginary people or animals called characters.  
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6. Singers and storytellers around campfires shaped these for generations before being brought to the "indoors" of a printed page.  
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### Nonfiction Multiple Choice

Choose the word that correctly completes each sentence. (1 point each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a story of part or all of a person's life, written by that person.
- a. biography      b. exposition      c. autobiography
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ tells a story of someone else's life.
- a. biography      b. exposition      c. autobiography



- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a brief prose works about a particular subject.
- a. exposition                      b. informal text                      c. essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is to present and explain information.
- a. exposition                      b. informal text                      c. essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_\_ ranges from directions and warranties to maps and contracts, they are real-world texts that you encounter as you manage your daily life
- a. exposition                      b. informal text                      c. essay

**Essays****Matching**

Match the essay on the right with its description on the left by writing the letter on the line. (1 point each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. This essay explores an author's thoughts about ideas or experiences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. This essay tells the story of actual events.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. This essay presents people, situations, or places.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. This essay tries to convince readers to think or act in a certain way.

- a. Narrative
- b. Persuasive
- c. Reflective
- d. Descriptive

**Poetry****True/False**

Write **True** on the line if the statement is true and **False** on the line if the statement is false. (1 point each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Lyric poetry expresses thoughts and feelings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. A symbol is an object, person, or place that stands for itself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Imagery is descriptive language that appeals to one or more of the senses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. A narrative poem talks about imaginary people and places.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Figurative language are words that mean their exact or like their



exact meaning.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Similes use *like* or *as* to compare items.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Personification describes one item as if it were another.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Metaphors give human qualities to something nonhuman.

### Myth and Tall Tales Identifying

Write **myth** on the line if the statement pertains to myths and write **tall tales** on the line if the statement pertains to tall tales (1 point each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Tales of gods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Uses everyday speech.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Uses exaggerated events.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Uses common people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Explains customs and beliefs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Explains natural occurrences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Usually a humorous story.

### Drama

#### Fill in the blank

Choose the word from the box that correctly completes each sentence and write it on the line. (1 point each)

Stage directions	Staging	Dialogue
Plot	Historical Context	Subplot

31. Text contains the characters' spoken words, or dialogue, and bracketed information, called \_\_\_\_\_.
32. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to all the elements that turn words on a page into a full-scale dramatic production: scenery, lighting, sound effects, and costumes, as well as instruction to the actors about how to speak their lines and move.



33. The political forces, beliefs, and events that influence the characters in a play is

\_\_\_\_\_.

34. \_\_\_\_\_ is the sequence of events involving a conflict, a struggle between opposing forces.

35. \_\_\_\_\_ is a smaller sequences of events related to the main plot and the themes, or insights, it explores.

36. \_\_\_\_\_ is the words of the characters.

### Forms and Purposes

#### Matching

Match the term on the right with its description on the left by writing the letter on the line. (1 point each)

\_\_\_\_\_ 37. This is a relatively long formal poem about death or another serious topic.

\_\_\_\_\_ 38. Long narrative poem that conveys the adventures of heroic characters and the story is connected to the history of a nation, race, or religion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 39. This poem dignifies uplifting lyrics written to celebrate a person, place, thing or event.

\_\_\_\_\_ 40. This is a 14-line lyric poem with one of several rhymes schemes.

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| <p>a. Epic</p> <p>b. Elegy</p> <p>c. Sonnet</p> <p>d. Ode</p> |
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