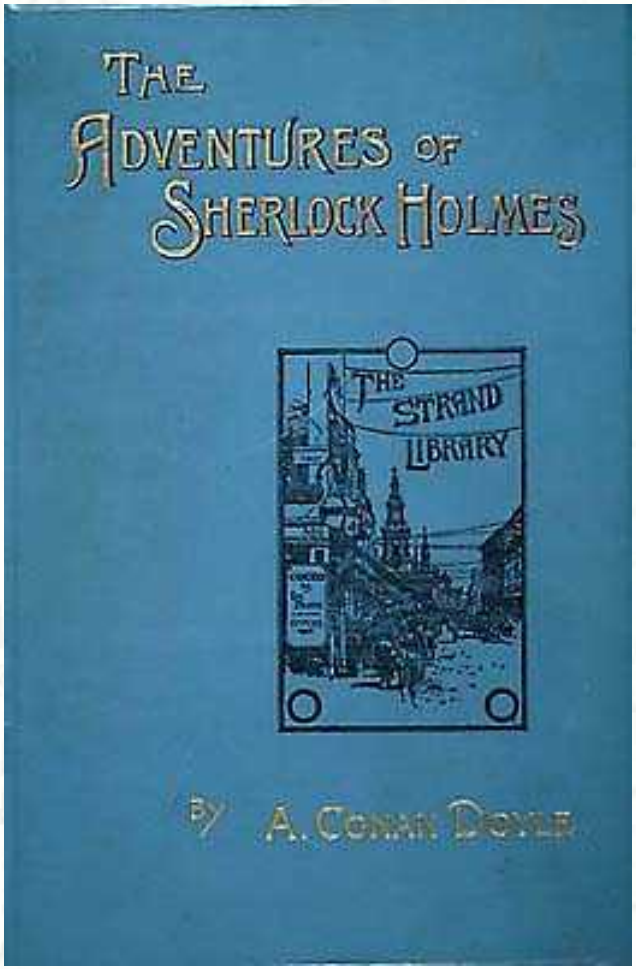
Fiction
Non- Fiction
What's the difference?

Fiction

Key Features

- Tells a story
- Characters
- Illustrations
- Written in chapters
- Usually written in chronological order

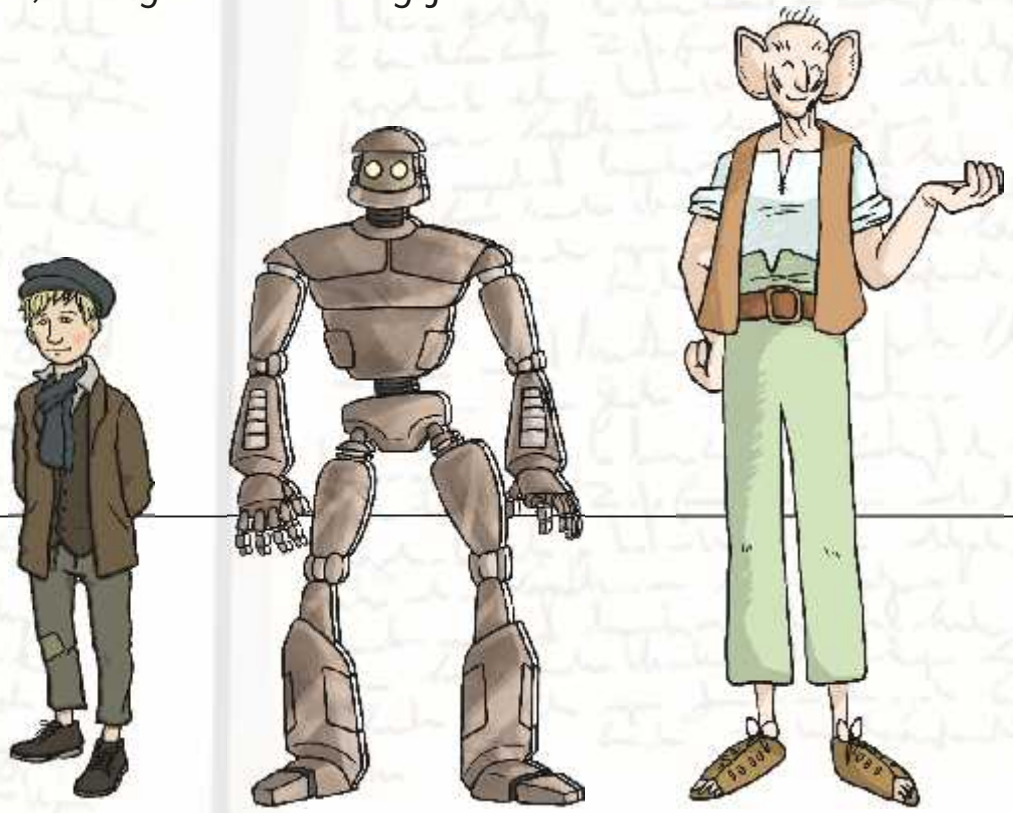


Tells a Story

- Can you think of any stories you have read recently?
- Using the pictures below as clues, think of a book which uses the characters in the story.

Characters

- What characters have you read about recently?
- Using the key words below, can you name any famous book characters?
    - Evil
    - Scary
    - Brave
    - Powerful
    - Ugly
    - Beautiful
    - Giant
    - Magical

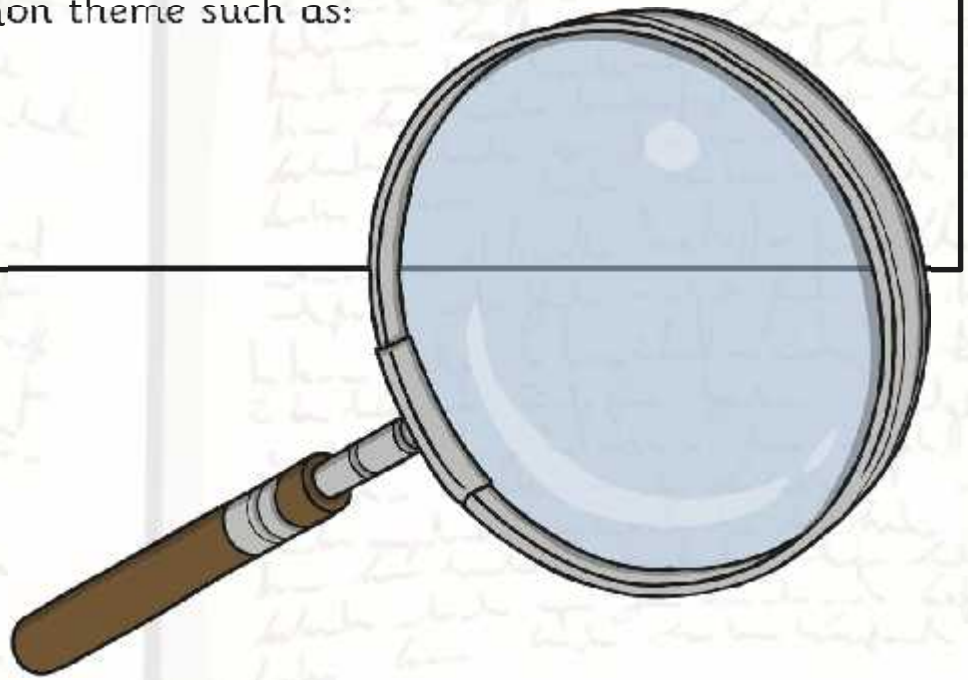


Illustrations

- Fiction books often include illustrations.
- Why do you think books include illustrations?

Written in Chapters

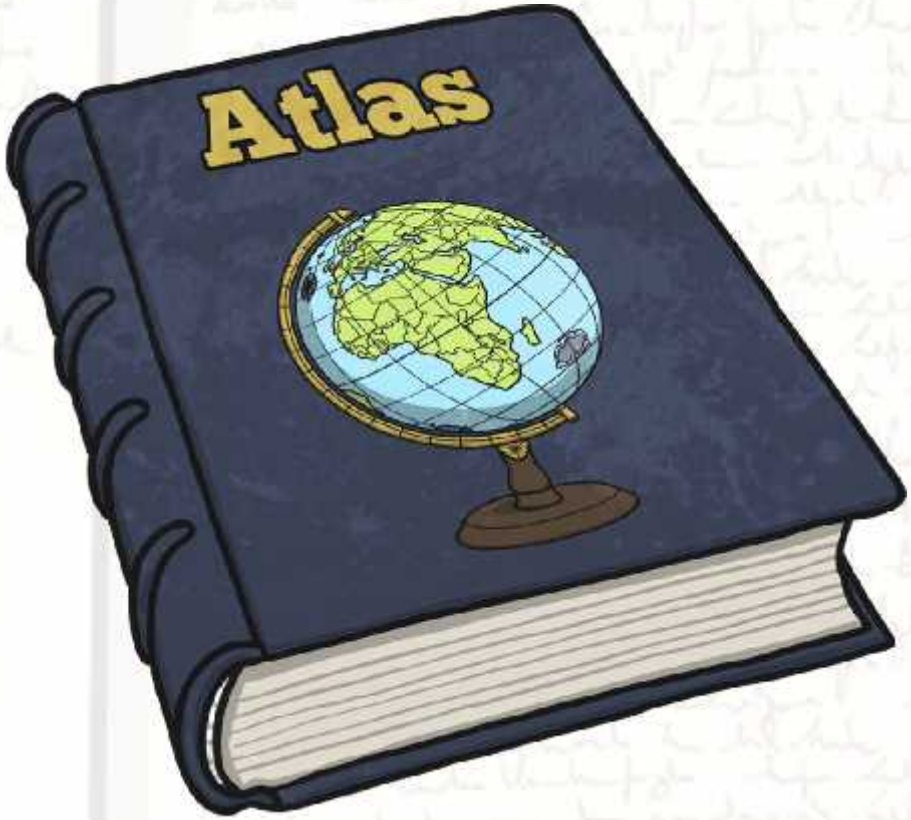
- Each chapters tells a part of the story.
- Chapters sometimes end on a cliffhanger to keep the reader interested and to build tension.
- Chapters often have a common theme such as:
    - Time
    - setting
    - characters involved.



Non-Fiction

Key Features

- Tell the reader information
- Contents page
- Glossary
- Index
- Diagrams and labels
- Interesting facts



Contents Page

- A contents page lists the sections of information in the book and how to find the information.
- The reader does not need to read a non-fiction book from front to back, they can pick out the parts which interest them.

Glossary

- A non-fiction book includes lots of technical vocabulary linked to the topic.
- A glossary explains what the technical words mean.
- A glossary is in alphabetical order.

GLOSSARY

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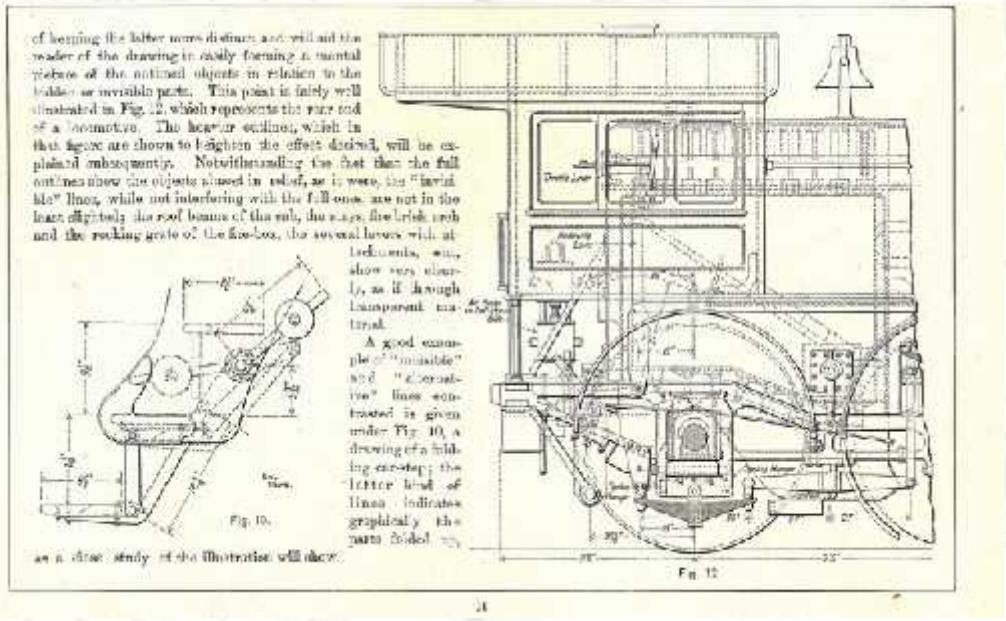
Index

- An index page helps the reader locate information quickly.
- The reader will look for a key word in the index and it will tell them which pages that the word will be found on.
- An index is in alphabetical order.

Diagrams and Labels

- Diagrams and labels are included to help the reader understand the information.
- Labels and arrows are often used to help the reader locate the information quickly.



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Fiction or Non-Fiction

Can you match these features to the correct genre?

- Has an index?
- Has a glossary?
- Is written in chapters?
- Is written in a chronological order?
- Gives the reader information?
- Has an index?
- May have illustrations?
- Tells a story?
- Has diagrams and labels?

Non-Fiction

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Grimm's Fairy Tales
Anne Of Green Gables
The Famous Five
Peter Pan
The Hobbit
Tom Sawyer
White Fang
The Water Babies
Arabian Nights