

Historical Fiction Elements

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Historical fiction books or stories in the historical fiction genre blend actual historical facts with fiction. The list below describes the characteristics of the historical fiction genre.

CHARACTERS: The characters all behave in realistic ways. All of the characters may be fictional, or some may be real while others are fictional. The character also may be fictitious but based on a person who actually lived.

SETTING: The setting is considered the most important element in Historical Fiction. Time: an authentic period in history Place: a real historical place

CONFLICT: The main characters are involved in a conflict or dilemma that is realistic to the time period.

PLOT: The plot is based on real events that are mixed with fictional events. These events make sense to the time period and have a solution to the problem at the end.

DESCRIPTION: Descriptions of the characters, events and places are very vivid. Any historic information that may be unfamiliar to the reader is explained by the writer.

DIALOGUE: Words spoken by the characters reflect the knowledge and thoughts of the people in that time period.

Element	Example from <i>Chains</i> including page number
CHARACTERS	
SETTING	
CONFLICT	
PLOT	
DESCRIPTIONS	
DIALOGUE	