CATEGORIES OF GENRES:

News genres: straight news story, obituary, editorial, want ad, feature, sports news, movie critique, book review, lost & found, letter to the editor.

Narrative: autobiography, memoir, short story, tall tale, myth, interview, diary, personal letter, postcard, e-mail, personal essay, character sketch, description of scene or setting, six-second extended description.

Technical writing: proposal, research report, science lab, “how to” manual or directions, audit report, crime report, autopsy, legal documents, health documents, psychiatric reports, prescriptions, wills, tax returns, check book registries.

Poetry: sonnet, haiku, ballad, prose poem, two-voice poem, blank verse, limerick, found poem, letter poem, etc.

Drama: one-act play, movie script, dialogue scene, soliloquy or monologue, radio script.

Visual: cartoon, portrait, comic strip, editorial cartoon, book jacket, illustration, film clip, photography, poster, advertisement, webpage.

Musical: music script, audiotape, song.

Miscellaneous: menu, recipe, resume, invitation, announcement, lists (grocery, drugs, names, places, images, collections, the 10 reasons why....etc.)

Computer-generated: blog, webpage, tweets, emails