

Extracts: Genre Types

Here are three extracts to get you thinking about the type of writing you would like to try. As you read each one, think about what genre or genres the piece belongs to. For example, you might say that one of the examples is a realistic genre. We've put our opinions about the genres at the end of the three pieces.

1. 'Woman's World' from Botswana

Seboni, Barolong. "Woman's World." In *A River of Stories*, compiled by Alice Curry, 16. London: Commonwealth Education Trust Books, 2011.

Silhouetted

against the setting sun

women

ascend

a hilly incline

balancing

barrels on their heads

2. 'Kader' from the Seychelles

Adrienne, Meredic. "Kader." In *A River of Stories*, compiled by Alice Curry, 53. London: Commonwealth Education Trust Books, 2011.

Passing by the seaside, he met a little karang fish washed up on the beach. Kader put it back in the sea, and the fish said, "Thank you, Kader! When you need my services, I'll be there."

3. 'Citronella' from Mauritius

De Souza, Carl. "Citronella." In *A River of Stories*, compiled by Alice Curry, 61. London: Commonwealth Education Trust Books, 2011.

Once upon a time, there lived a little girl called Citronella who could not hear. She could not hear what her father told her. She could not hear her mother's good advice. She could not hear what her brothers and sisters said.

Genre

We think that number one belongs to the realistic genre; number two is fantasy; and number three is relationships and realistic.

Remember these are just our opinions. It doesn't matter if you got different answers, as long as you're thinking about the genres and which sort might suit you.

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