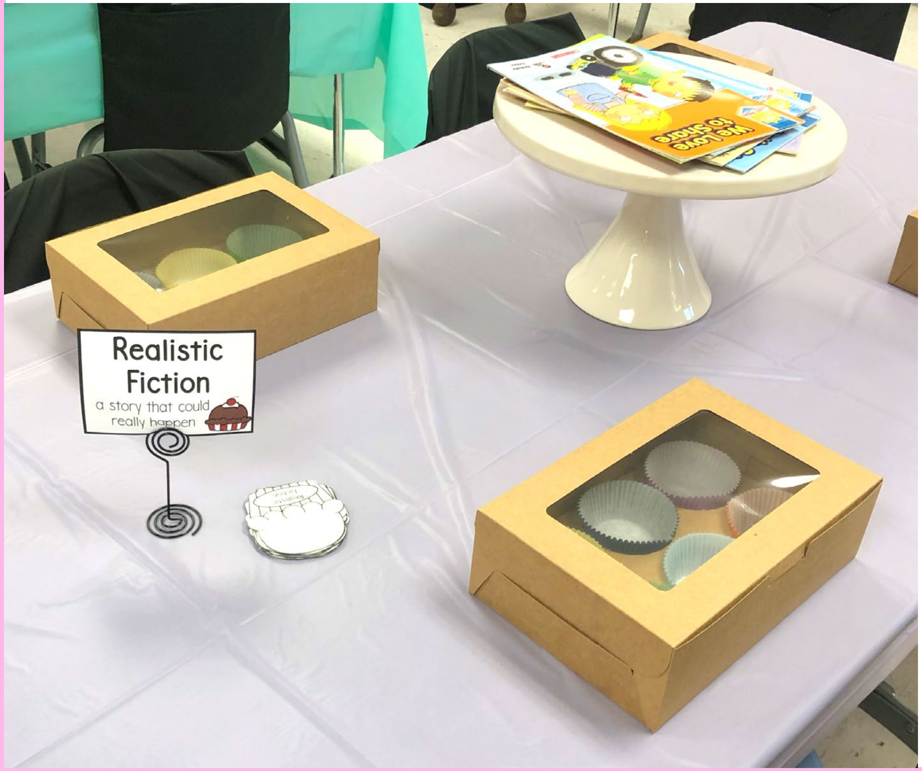
BOOK BAKERY

a mini reading transformation pack for exploring various book genres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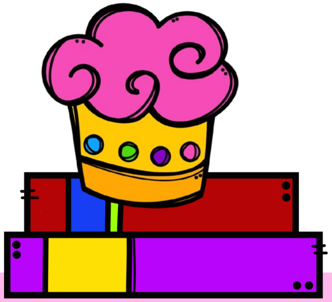
WHAT IS BOOK BAKERY DAY?

This is a mini pack to help you transform your classroom into a pretend "reading genre bakery" called Book Bakery! To put it simply, this is a little pack to help give a fun theme to the experience of exploring a variety of reading genres for your students! It encourages them to explore and read books in genres that they may otherwise not initiate themselves. This theme day helped my students find book genres that they didn't even know they LOVED! The pack includes a reading craftivity to help your students record what they read during the book bakery, genre mini signs, genre posters, bookmarks, and an additional no-prep alternative response template if you don't have time for the craftivity. The pack also includes all of the EASY ways I incorporated Book Bakery into my own classroom, with links to optional materials, lesson plans, and set-up tips! Our theme day took us no more than an hour to an hour and a half, but you could certainly keep the fun going for as little or as long as you'd like. Book Bakery can be created using the books you already have in your classroom library. Your students will love this thematic reading mini pack!



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Teacher direction pages
- List of optional materials I used for this theme
- My own lesson plans for using this mini pack in my classroom
- Ideas for using this mini pack
- Craftivity pieces and directions for the cupcake bakery boxes
- Ideas for how to adjust and make the craftivity work for you
- Alternative no-prep craftivity/recording sheet
- Mini genre signs for the different tables
- Reading genre posters
- Book Bakery reading genre bookmark
- Links to additional reading theme resources you may love
- Terms of use and credits pages

IDEAS FOR USING THIS MINI PACK

- thematic fun during your reading block
- thematic fun during small-group reading
- stand-alone reading craftivity and lesson
- family literacy night
- genre mini lessons- use parts of it or all of it!
- hold fun "Reading Theme Days" during the year!
- homeschool, after-school, and summer school activities

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PICTURES OF MY CLASSROOM'S BOOK BAKERY DAY!

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ENGAGING, EFFECTIVE, AND FUN!

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Poetry
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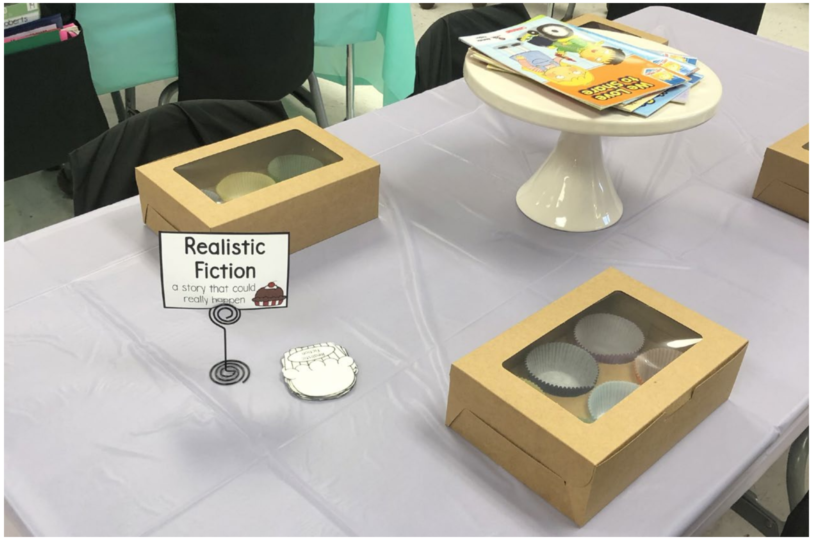
ice-cream maker.

SETTING UP

After setting out the tablecloths, I placed a mini genre sign and a pile of books from that genre on each table. To make the morning more festive and novel, I placed each pile of books on top of a cake stand or a dessert stands. A pile of the coordinating cupcakes for each genre was also placed on the table. For example, at the biography table, I included a mini biography sign and a pile of biography books.

At each student's table spot, I placed an empty box of cupcakes and a pile of the cupcake templates for that genre. (Example: The biography table included a mini biography sign, a pile of biography cupcake templates, and a pile of biography books.)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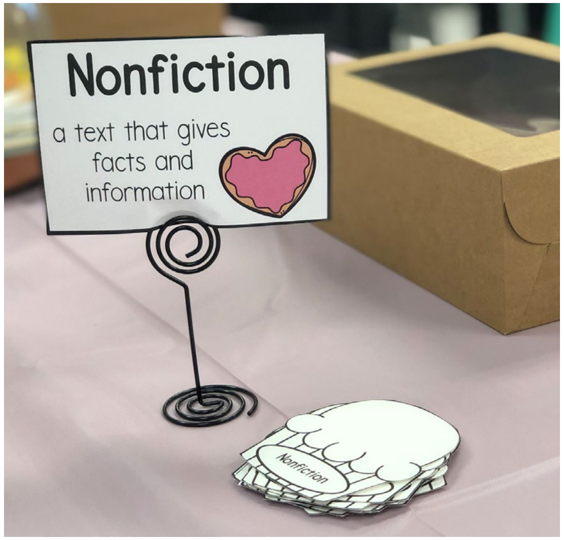
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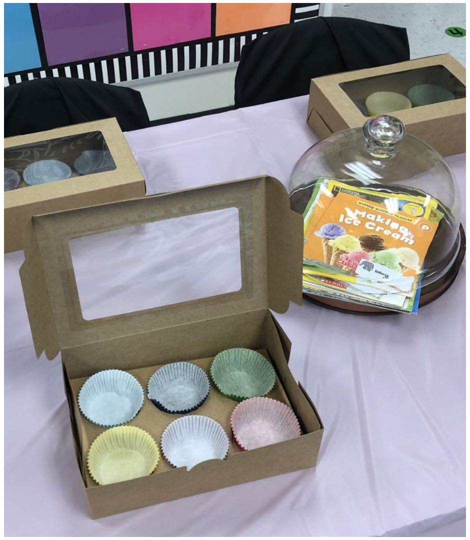
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TIP: How did you choose which books to pull for each genre? My goal for this lesson was to expose the students to various book genres – NOT for them to read every book on the table with 100% accuracy. I chose books that were on or around my class's independent reading level. I also put books below reading level at the time so that my students who had not yet reached grade level could participate and have access to the books.

OTHER MATERIALS YOU CAN ADD TO YOUR BOOK BAKERY THEME:

I found the following additional materials for our book bakery on Amazon. These are used to add fun and novelty to your day!

You can get direct clickable links to the exact items I ordered for the items below:

- colored tablecloths for tables and desks
- cupcake bakery boxes to add the cupcakes to
- colorful paper cupcake liners to add to your bakery boxes
- cardboard cake stands to hold books for each table
- photo holders to hold the genre signs for the tables

MY BOOK BAKERY LESSON PLANS:

activity	materials used	description and plans
Whole-Class Book Genre Introduction Mini Lesson	• reading genre posters • easel, chart paper, or somewhere to display your posters for the class to see • one book from each genre that you will be introducing during the mini lesson (preferably from your classroom library so that students can learn and get [illegible] wh[illegible] they c[illegible] that [illegible]re within [illegible]	I started Book Bakery by gathering the class at the carpet. I pre-printed the five genre posters that I would be using that day during Book Bakery. The five genres I chose for my students to focus on were nonfiction, realistic fiction, fantasy, biography, and poetry. I stuck these posters up [illegible] my chart paper to serve as an anchor chart, or a reference poster, for my students. I explained [illegible] students that they would be learning about five [illegible], or [illegible], [illegible] quickly went over each of [illegible] genres using [illegible] provided. After discussing each genre, [illegible] and sh[illegible] from that genre from our classroom library. I also [illegible] where the baskets of poetry, biographies, nonfic[illegible] were located in our room for [illegible]ure [illegible]
Book Bakery Rotations	• cupcake boxes • cupcake templates • books • mini genre signs • crayons/pencils • scissors	[illegible]e I [illegible] five genres to focus on, I divided my class into five small groups. Each group started with one of the five genres. The students had time to explore, read, and flip through the books at their tables. Each student chose one book from the pile to read and explore. He or she then cut out a cupcake (you can have them already cut to save time if you wish) and drew a picture of what the book was all about. (For older students, you can have them write what the books were mostly about on the cupcakes.) The student then added this cupcake to his or her cupcake box. After about 6-8 minutes, I rang the bell, and the students moved to the next table/genre. Each time the students moved to a new tables/genres, they brought their cupcake boxes with them. They repeated this procedure for each genre, adding a coordinating cupcake to their bakery boxes at each table.

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MY LESSON PLANS, CONTINUED:

activity	materials used	description and plans
Share Time	• cupcake bakery boxes • whole-group meeting area	After each group had rotated through all five genres, the students met at the carpet with their bakery boxes for a quick and simple share time. I asked the students to put their thumbs up by their hearts if they had discovered genres that they didn't even know they liked until this morning. Many of [illegible] students learned that they loved biography books and [illegible] that they were excited to get some [illegible] for [illegible] next week. [illegible] gave [illegible] students a few [illegible] share their cupcakes with a [illegible] talk [illegible] they had read and [illegible]. Our room was [illegible], excited conversations about BOOKS! [illegible] excited [illegible] and your students to experience [illegible]
Review and Optional Extension Idea	• additional "favorite book" cupcake template (This works well if you only chose five genres to explore for their six-pack bakery boxes.) • REAL CUPCAKES as a celebration at the end of your lesson! (Check on all allergies and health alerts for students prior to distributing real cupcakes.)	[illegible] end our morning, we reviewed the importance of exploring and reading new genres. • It helps expose us to new topics, characters, and information. • It helps us discover new books we might have never tried before. • It makes us stronger readers. • It's fun! I then gave each student a final cupcake template: "My Favorite Book". I asked them to reflect and think about all of the different types of books they had read today. They then chose their favorite books/genres, drew pictures of the book, and added them to their boxes. *This was an optional extension. If you choose six genres instead of five, you won't need this cupcake template.

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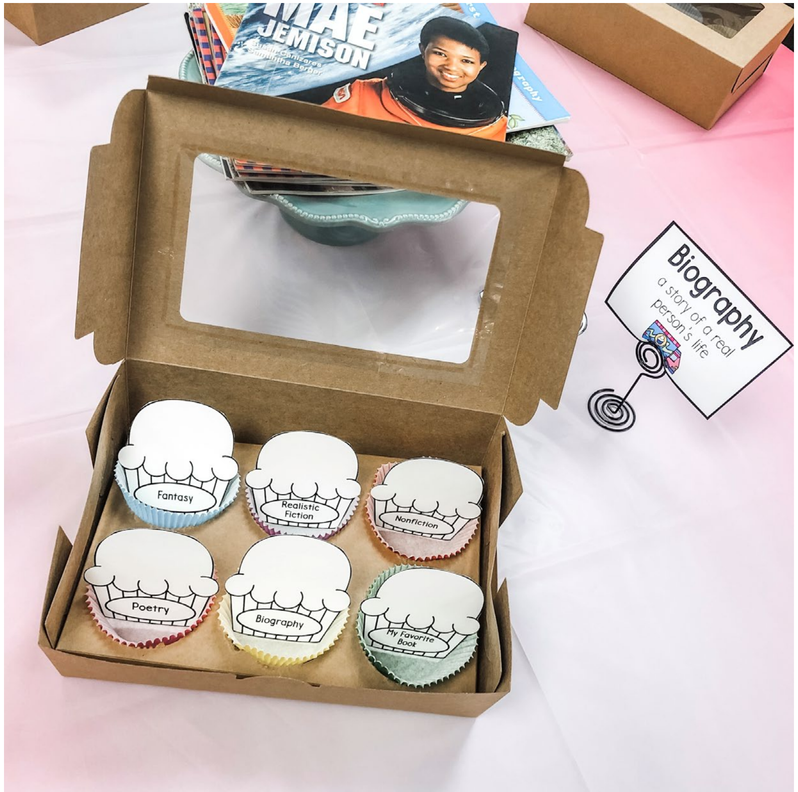
BOOK BAKERY CRAFTIVITY

The following pages contain the cupcake templates for the bakery box craftivity. For each genre you chose for your students to explore, print the following cupcake template, and make enough copies for each student to have one cupcake. Your students can cut out the cupcakes ahead of time or as they are working at each station. You can have your bakery boxes pre-filled with blank cupcake templates, or simply place a stack of the cupcakes at each table/genre.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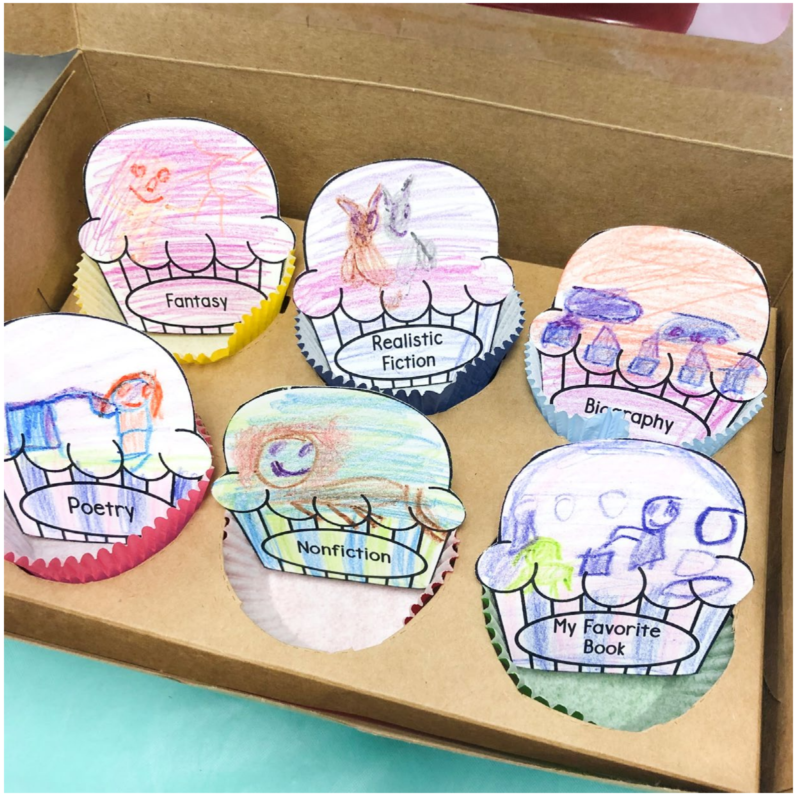
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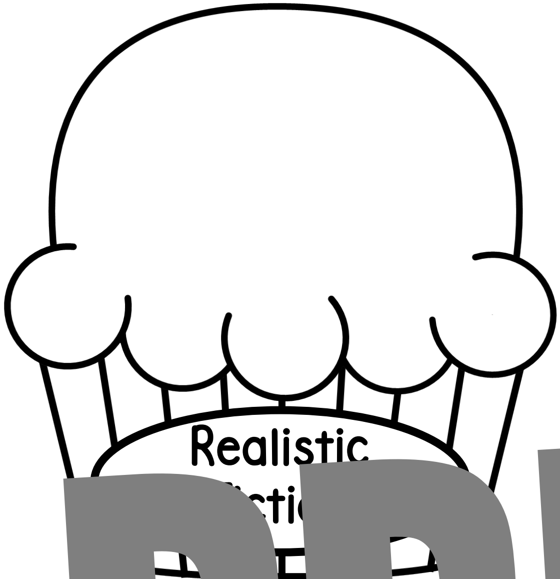
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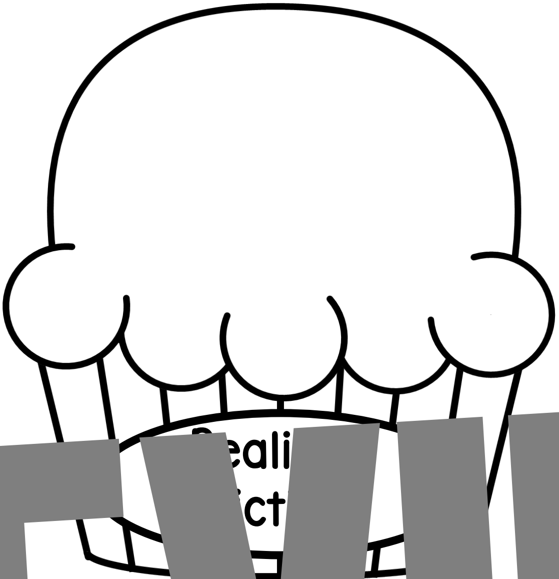

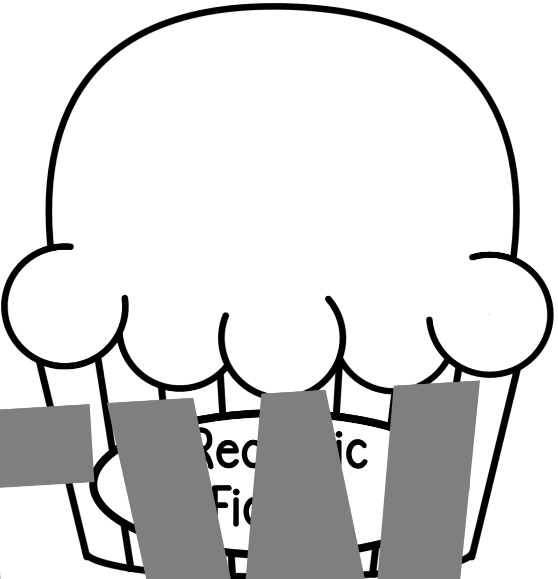

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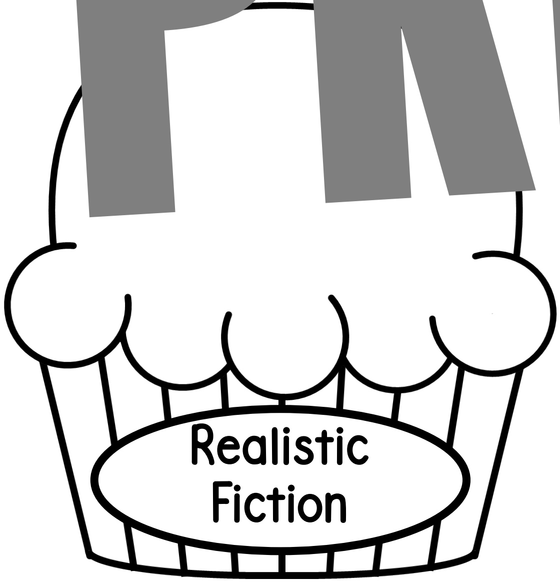
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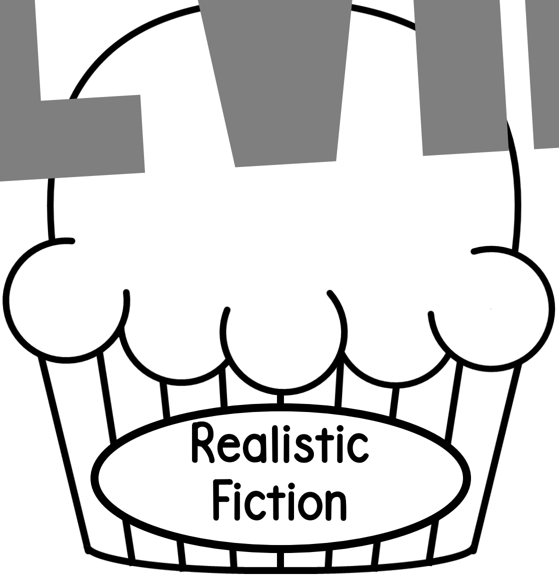
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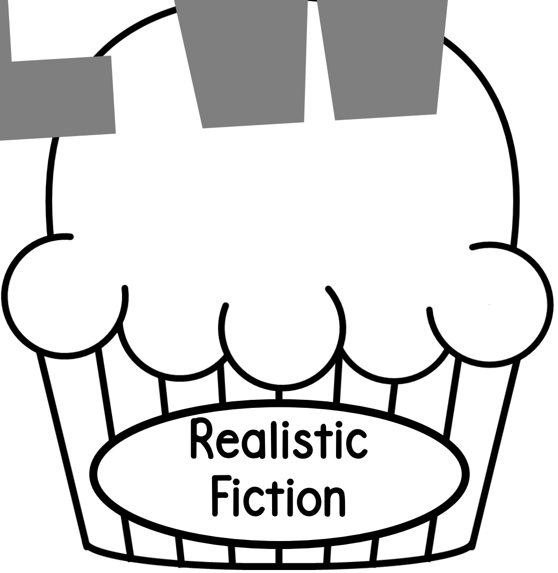
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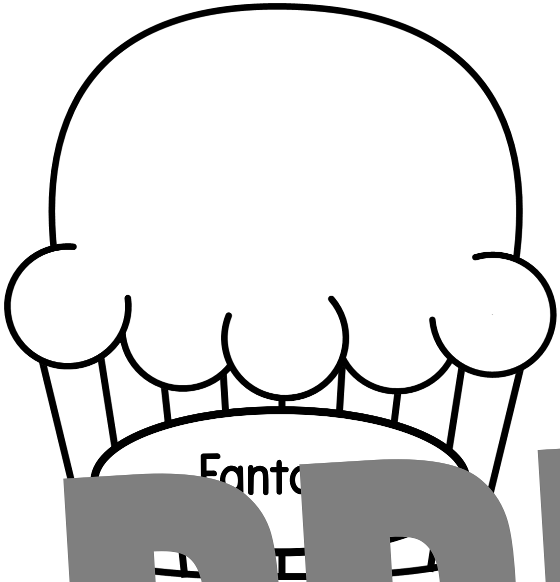

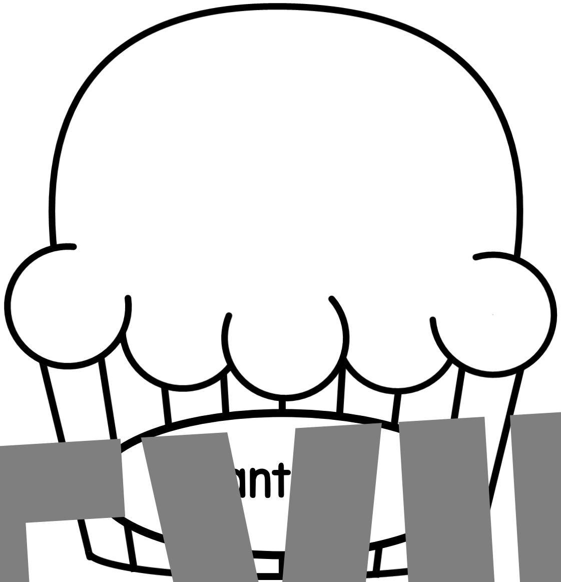

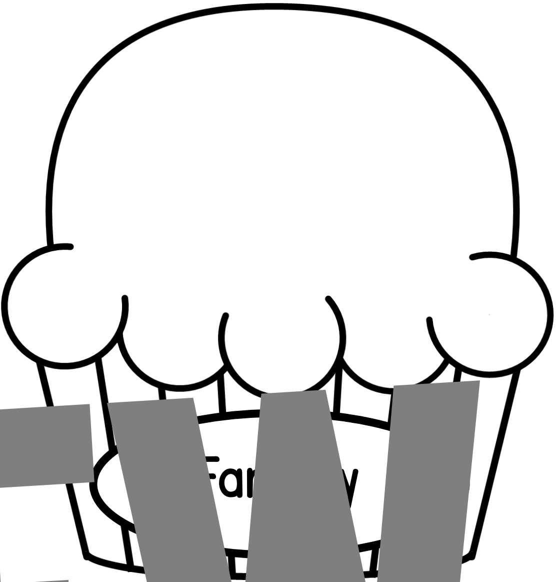

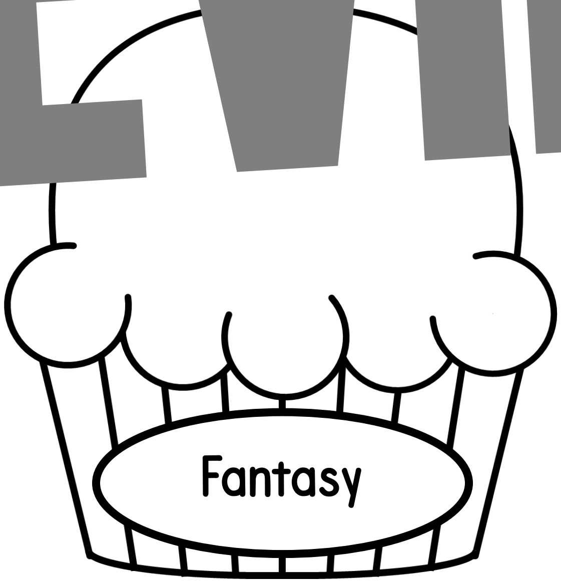

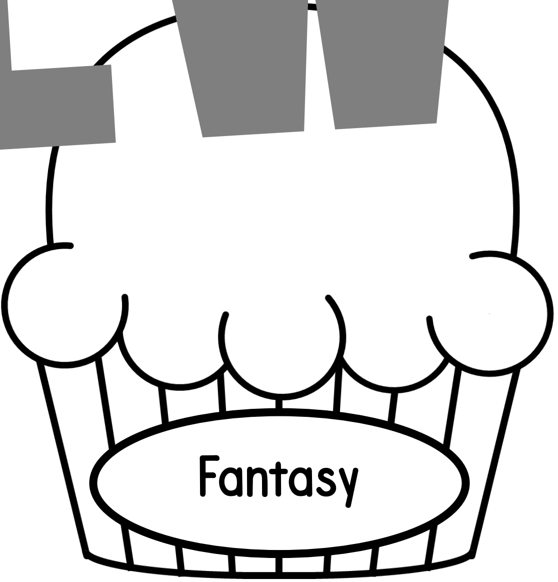

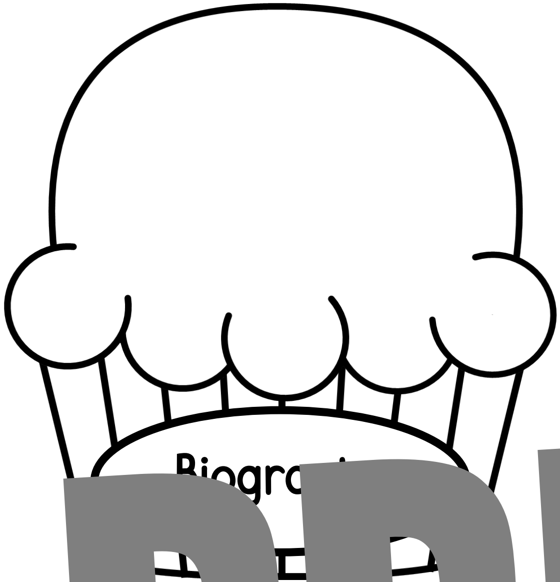
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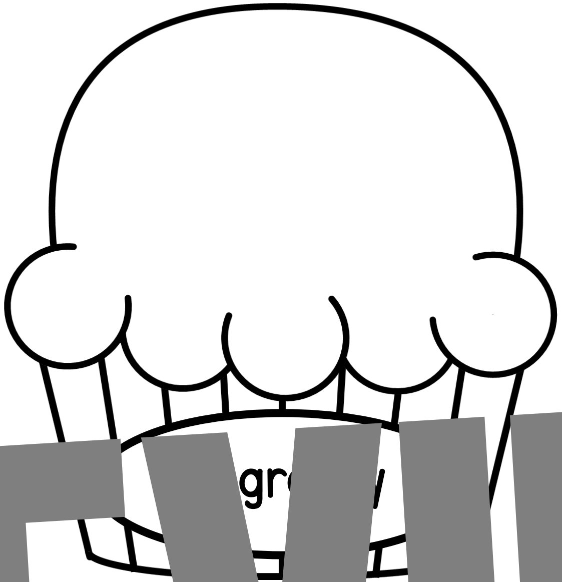
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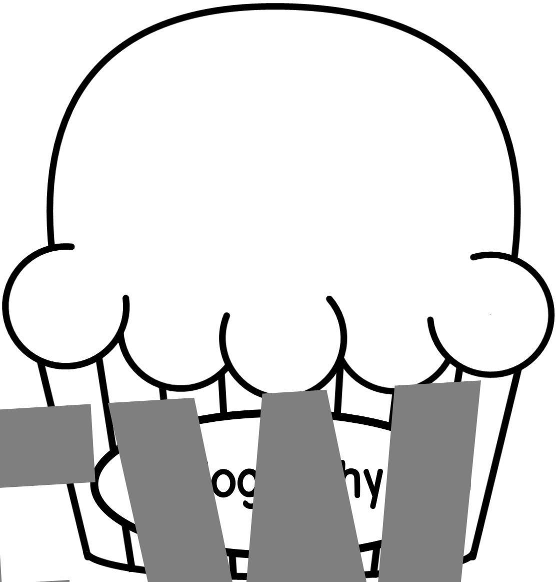
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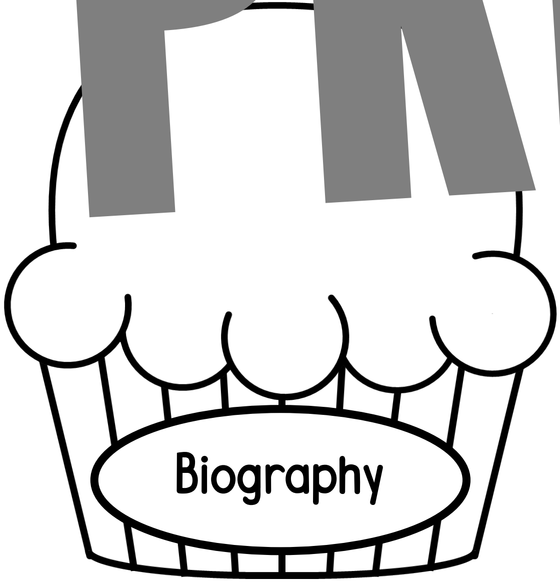
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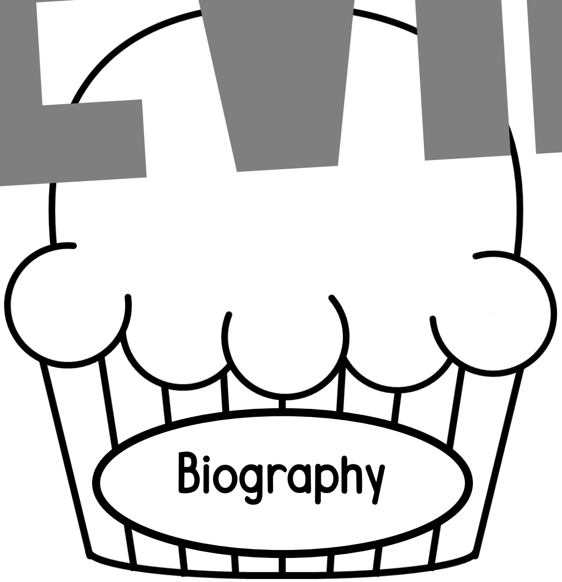
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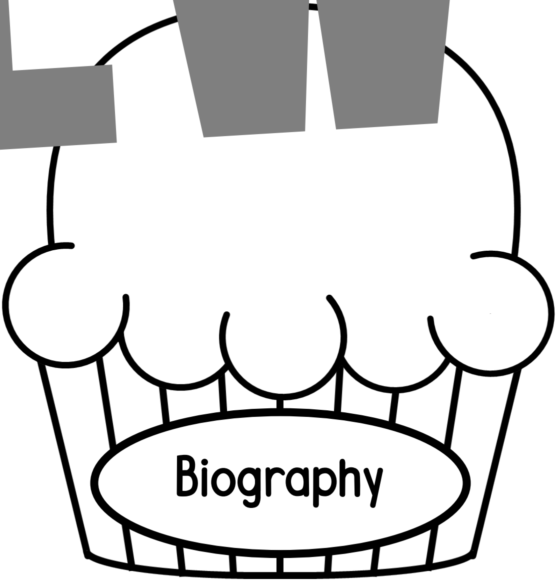
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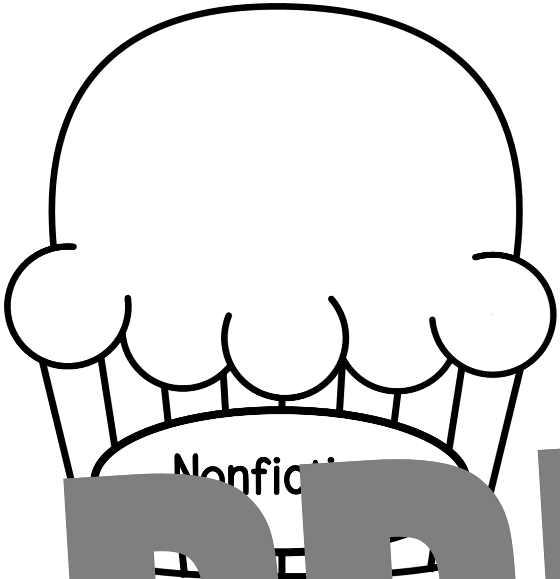
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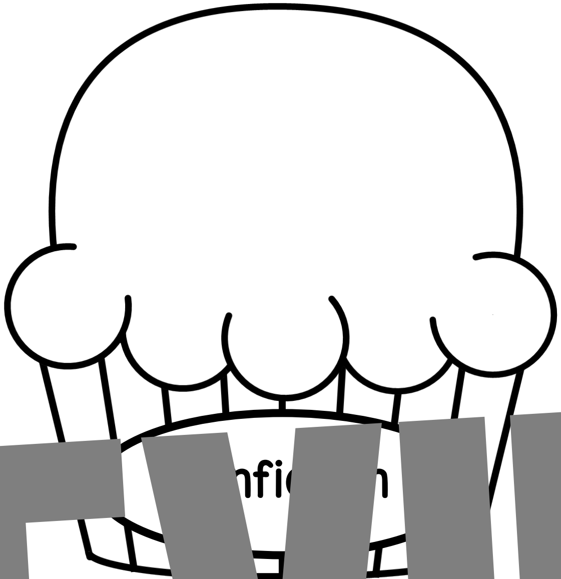
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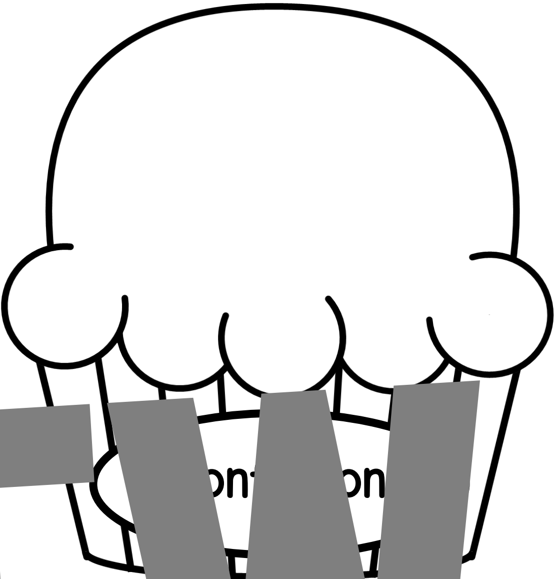
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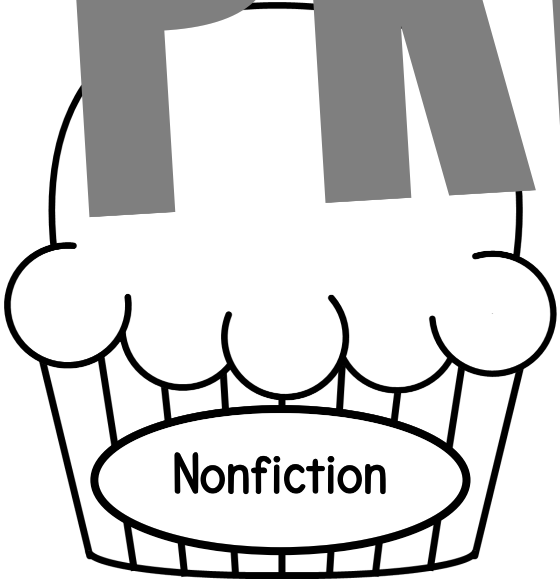
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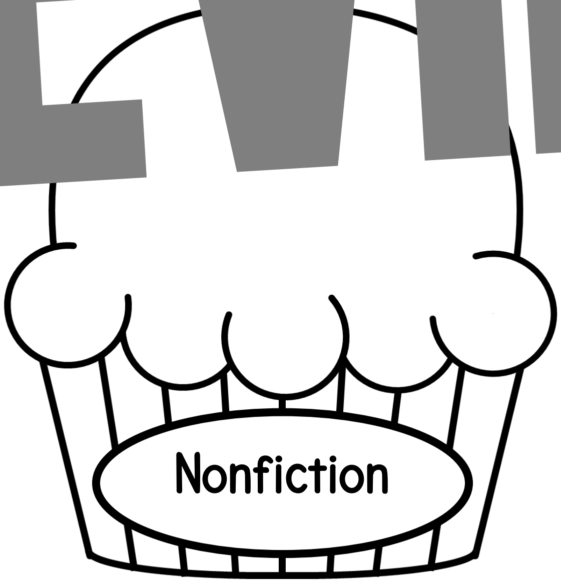
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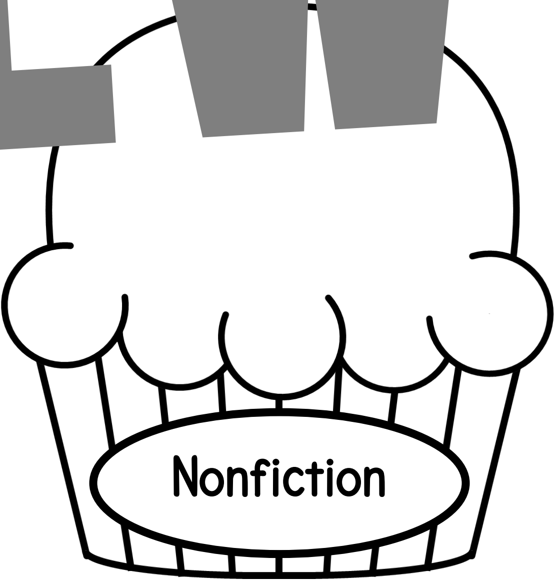
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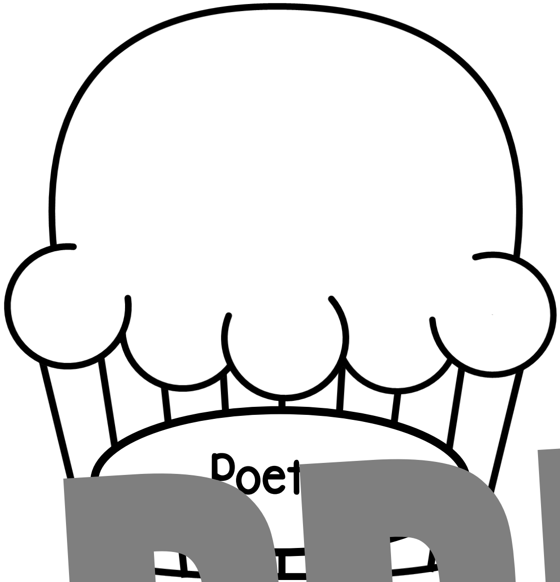

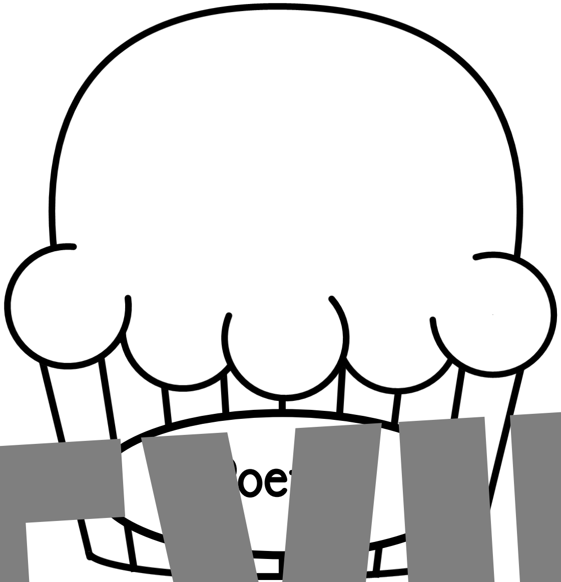

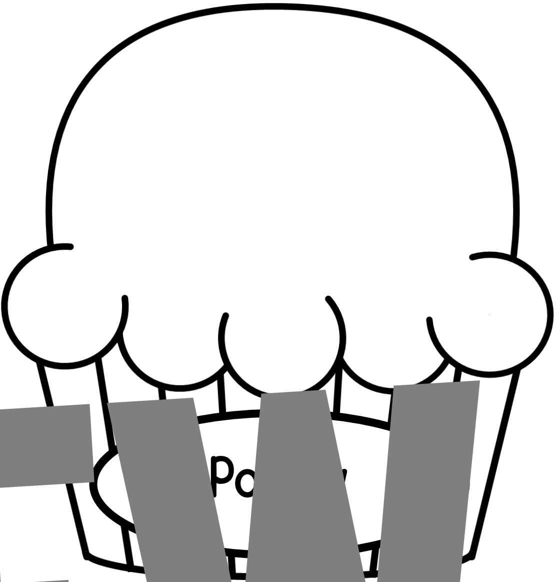

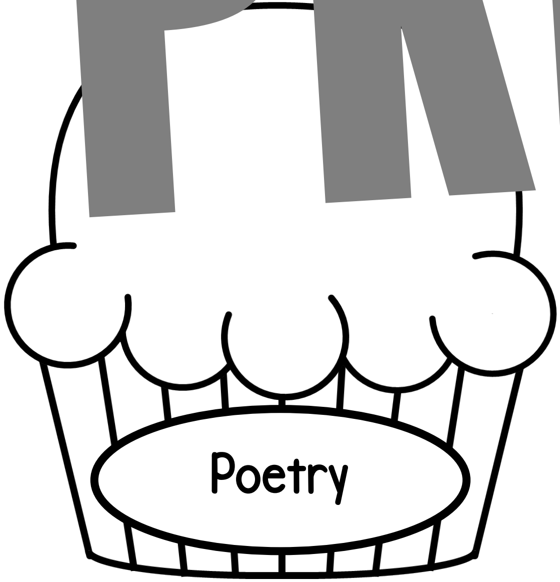

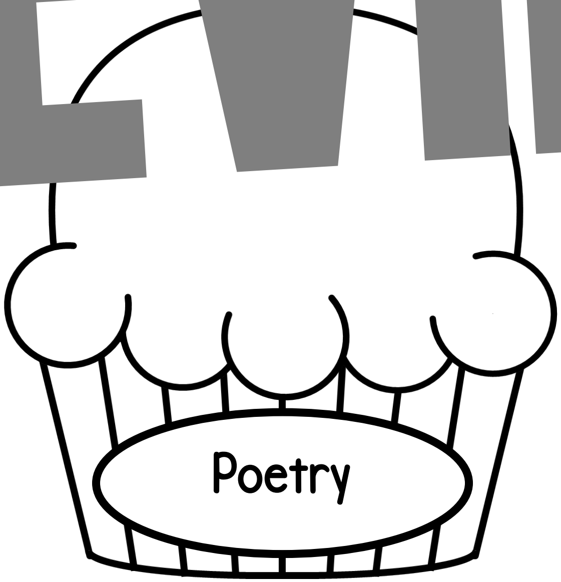

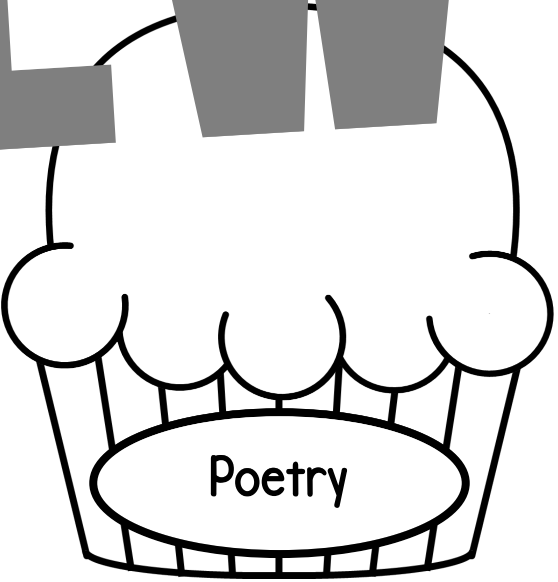

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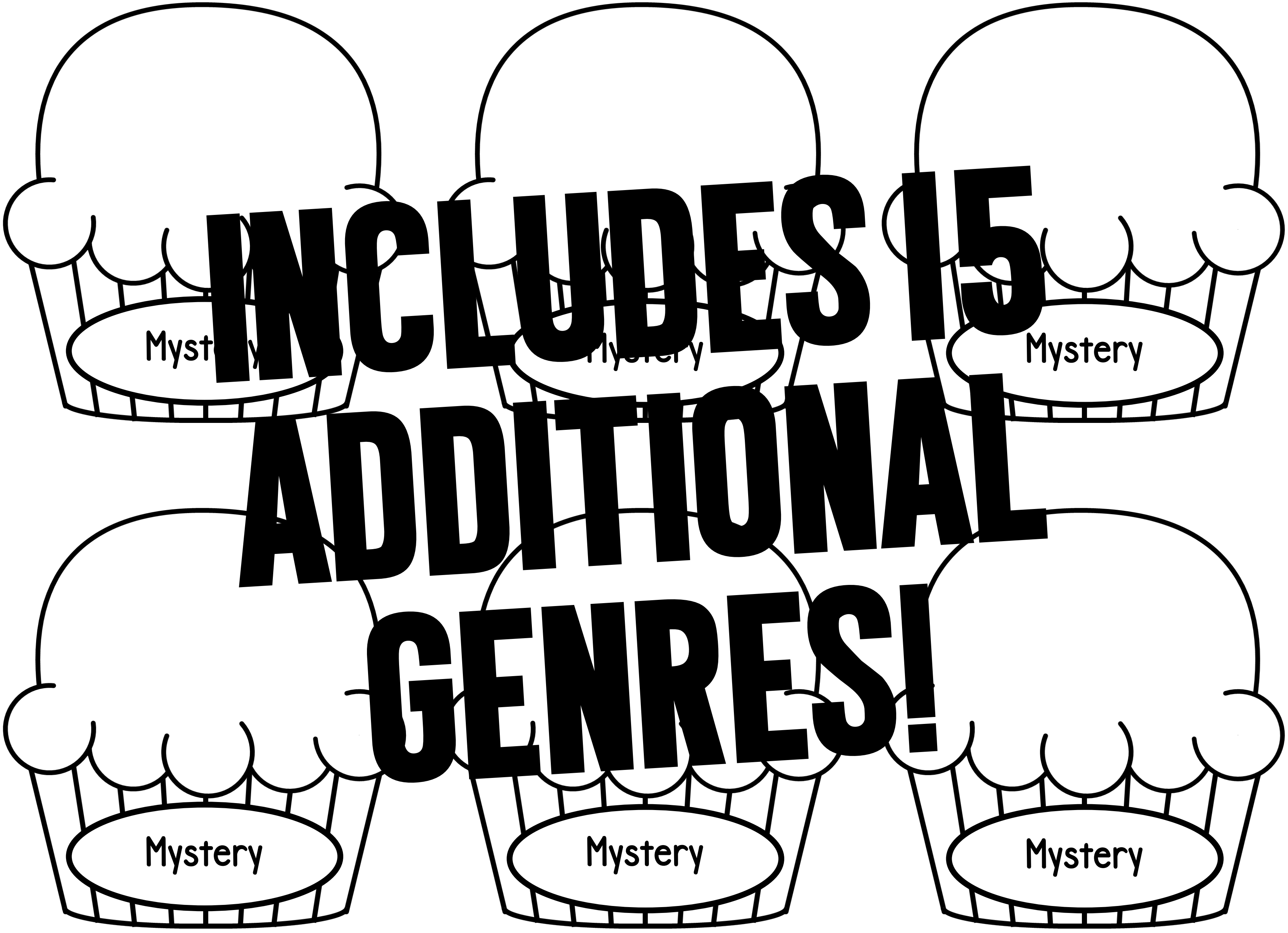
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ALTERNATE NO-PREP CRAFTIVITY

For most teachers, time is precious. You may not have the time (or energy) to print each genre cupcake and then have your students cut out their pieces. If you lack the time or resources to have students cut out individual cupcakes for their bakery boxes, I've included two "just print" cupcake pages you can use as alternatives.

Simply print out the cupcake printable that works for you. Your students can simply color a picture of each book they read on the recording sheet instead of cutting out the cupcakes. This saves time and still provides your students with a cute recording sheet for each genre they explore. Due to this template being a no-prep and time-saving version of the activity, I've included only the five main genres that I used during my own Book Bakery Day: fantasy, realistic fiction, biography, nonfiction, and poetry. The sixth cupcake allows students to reflect on their favorite books and draw pictures of them. *You could also print this one page out for each child, and he or she can cut out his or her own six cupcakes to use during the rotations.

There is also a template that includes the five book genres listed above, plus an empty cupcake that you can write on if you wish to add a sixth genre to this sheet.

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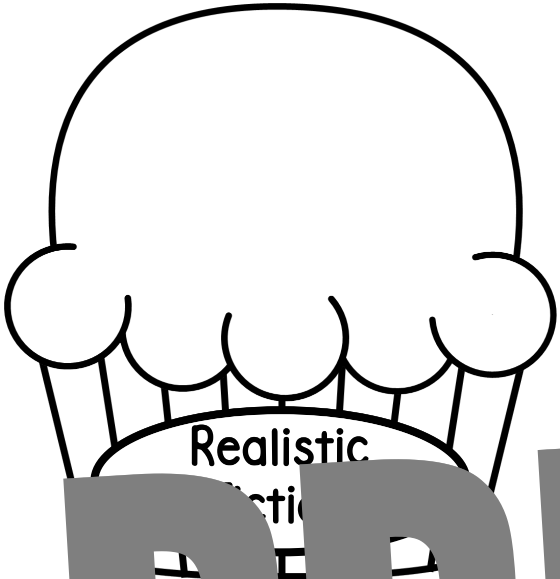

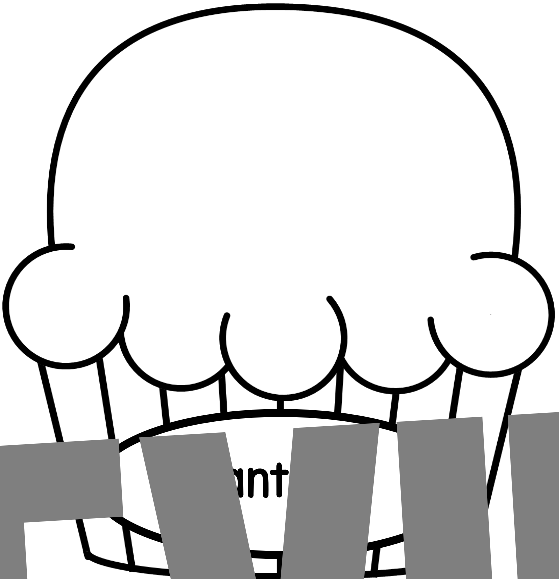

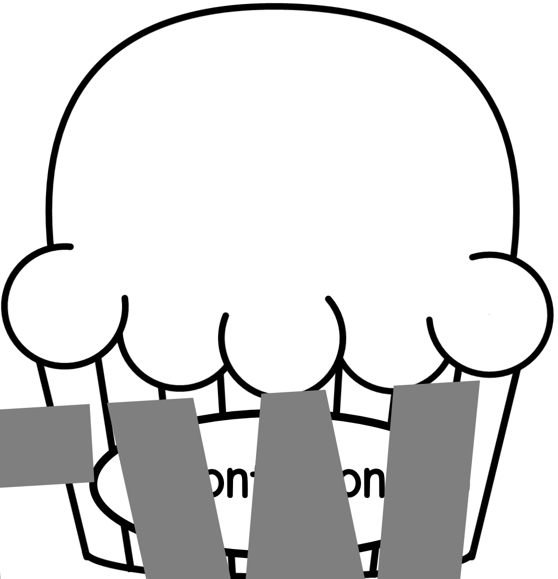

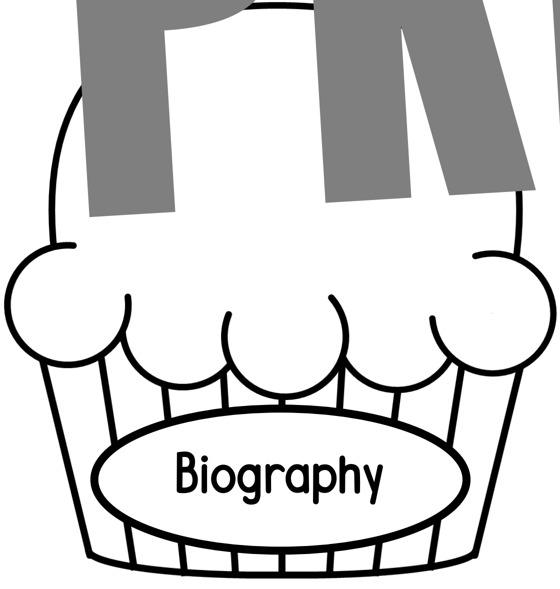

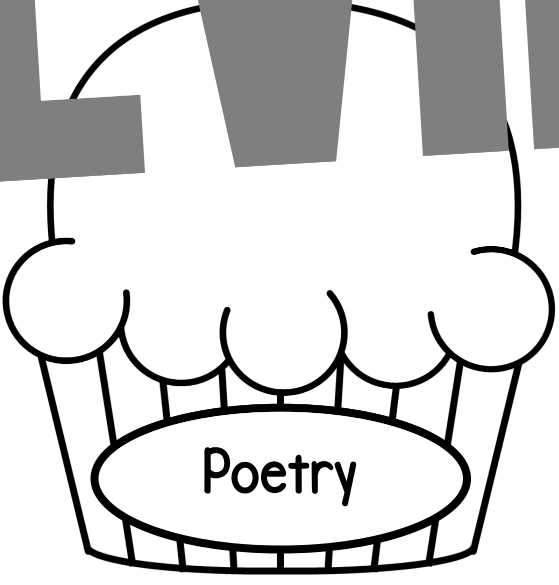

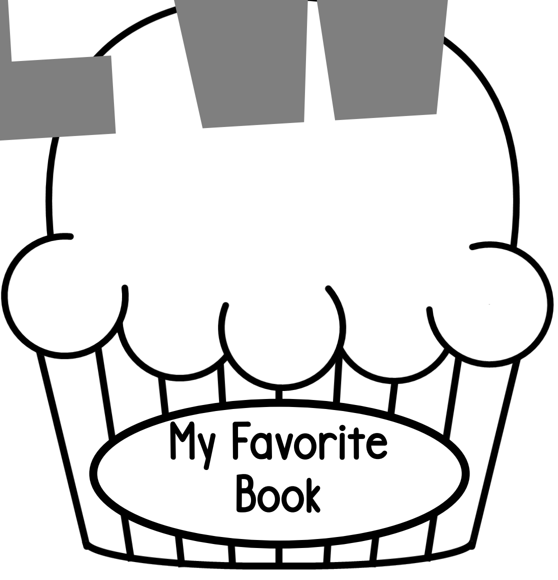
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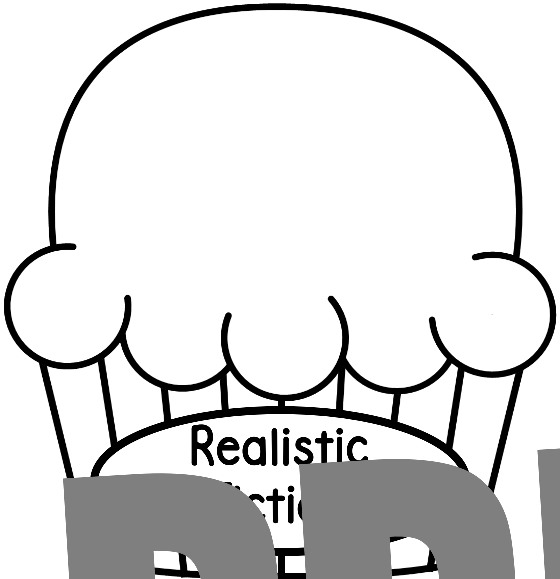
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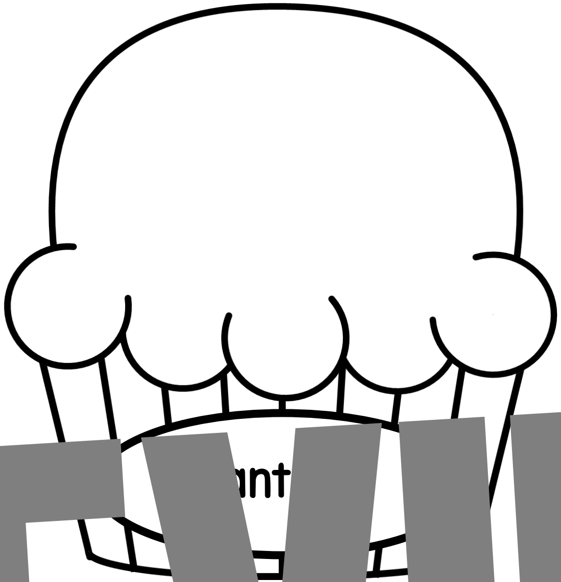
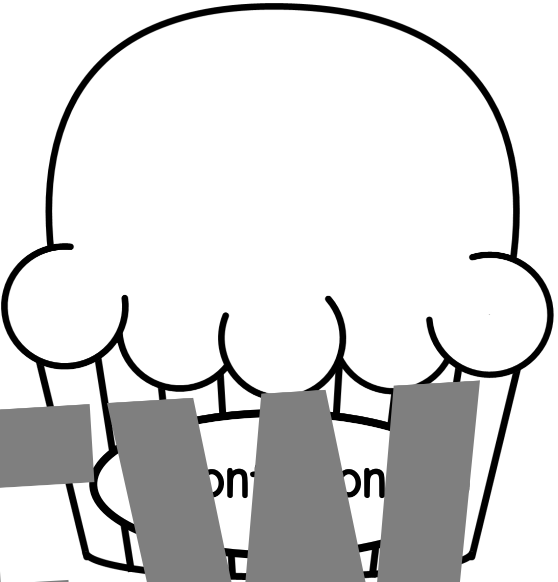
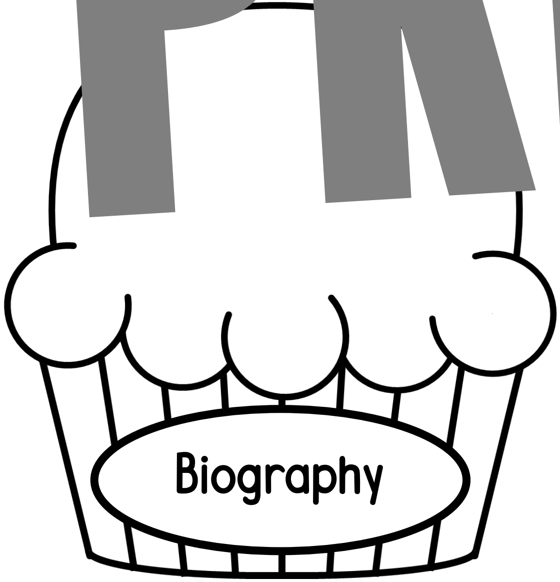
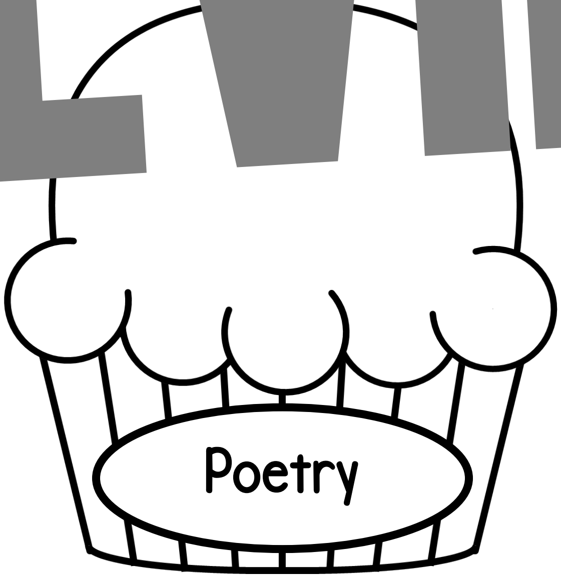
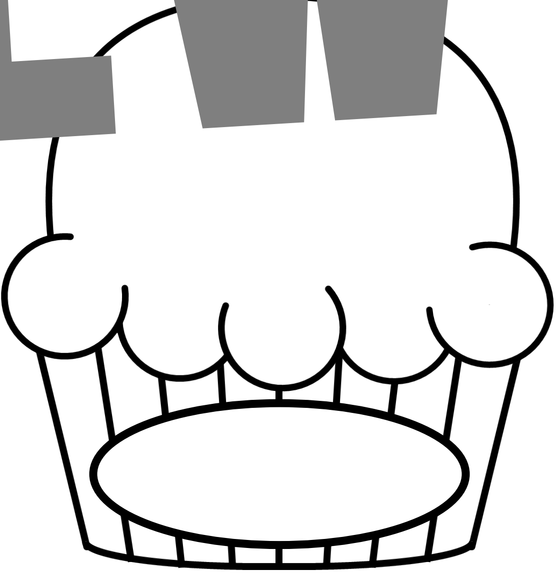




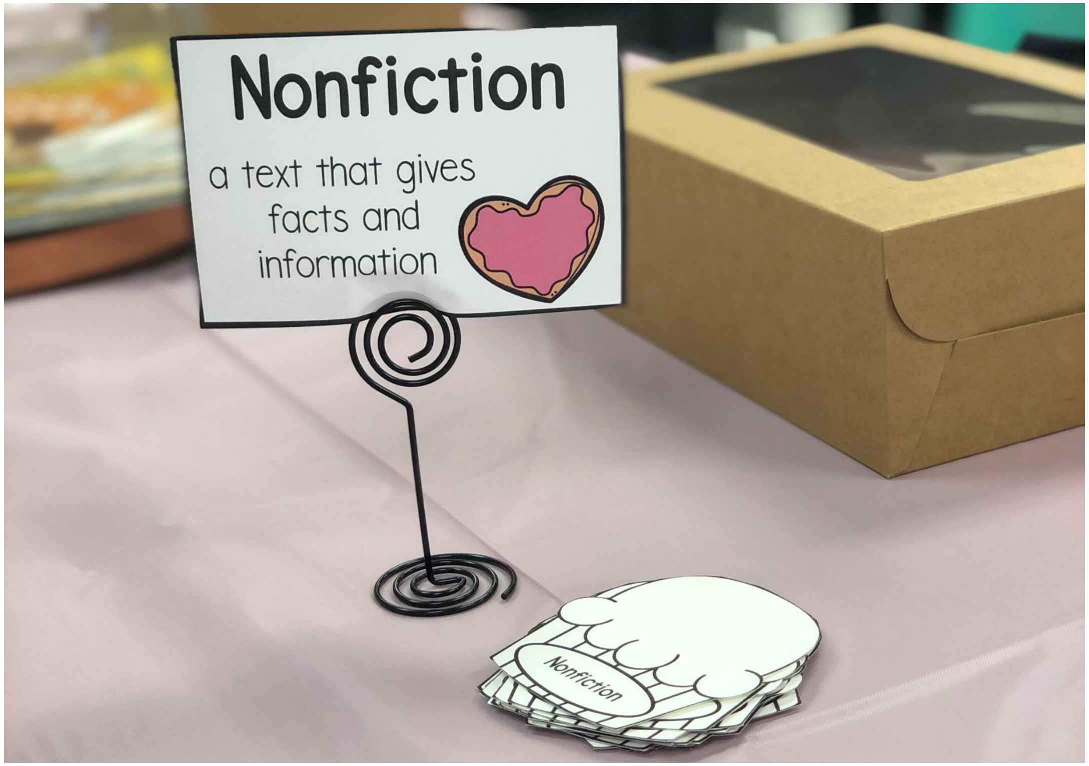






MINI GENRE SIGNS

The following pages contain mini genre signs that you can place at the tables or stations for students to rotate through. Designate a genre for each table/station, and place the mini genre sign at the table as a reminder of what the genre means. I placed my mini genre signs in photo holders, but you could simply place them directly on the tables, too. *These posters are available in both color and an ink-friendly version that can be printed on colorful cardstock. Print the format that works best for you.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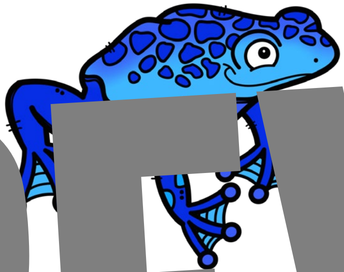

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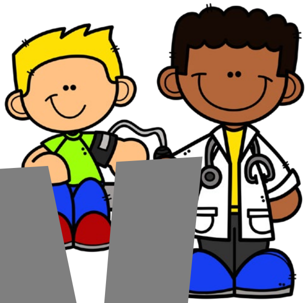

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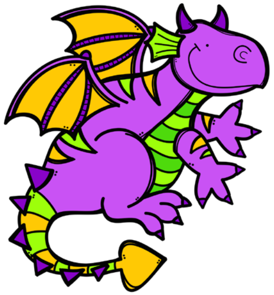

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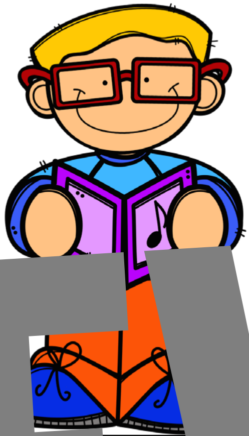

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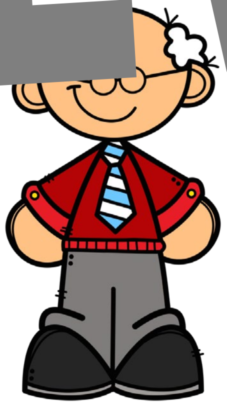

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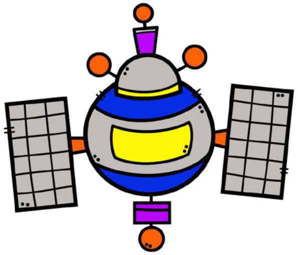

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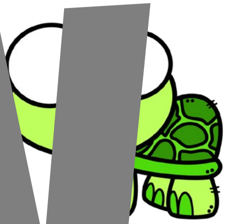

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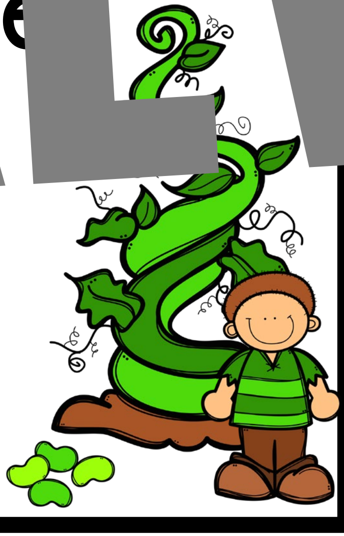

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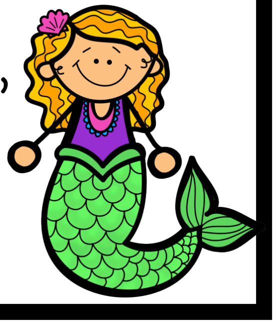

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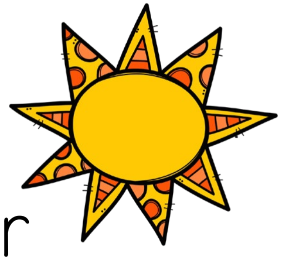

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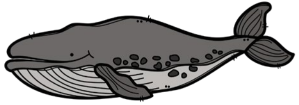

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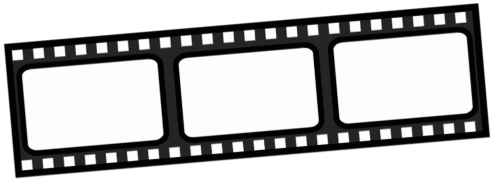

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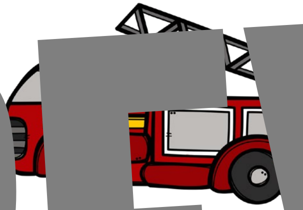

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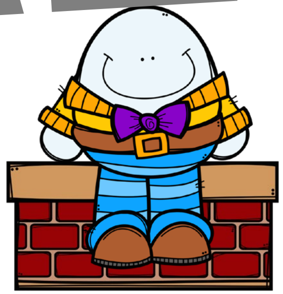

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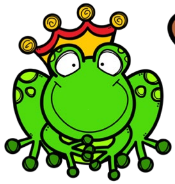

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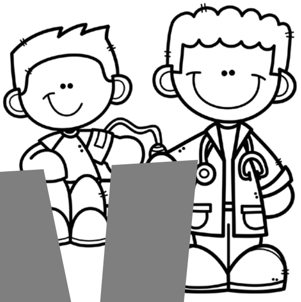

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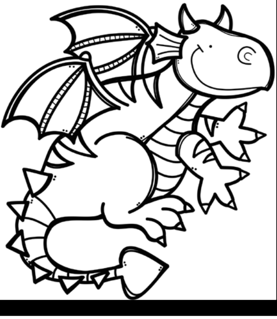

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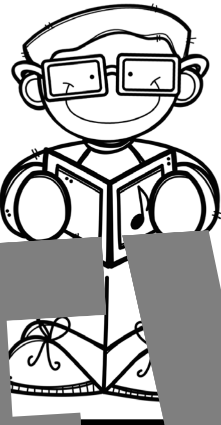

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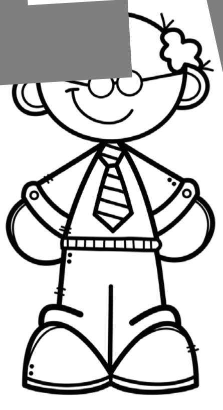

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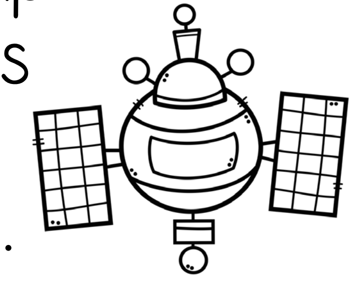

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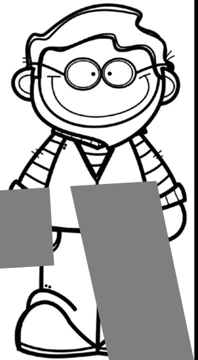

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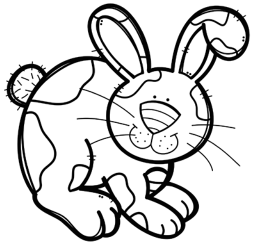

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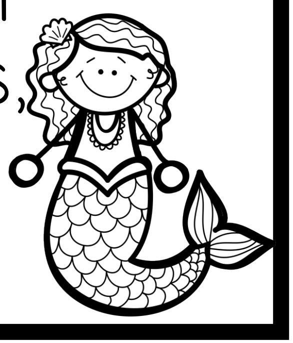

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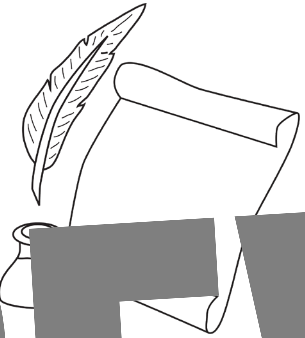

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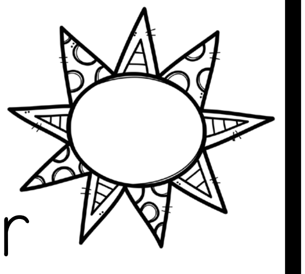

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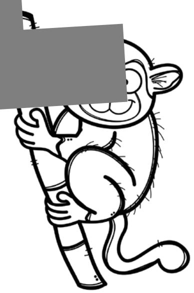

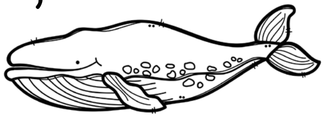

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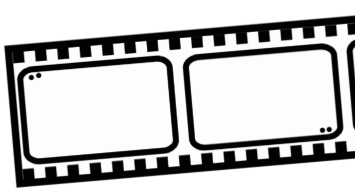

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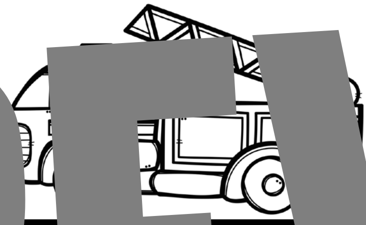

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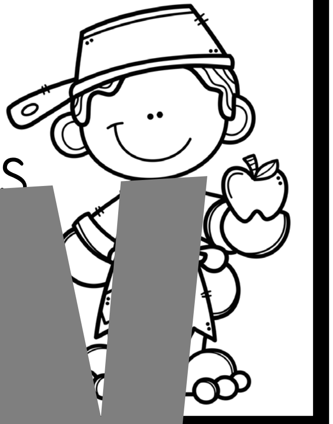

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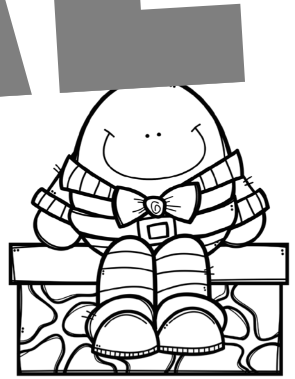

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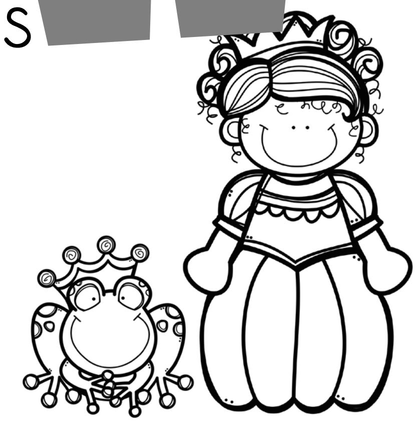

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READING GENRE POSTERS

The following pages contain genre posters that you can use for your anchor chart or reference poster. These posters are nice to use during your whole-group mini lesson, as a review during your share time, or simply to hang up in your room to refer to as you study and read various genres throughout the year. *These posters are available in both color and an ink-friendly version that can be printed on colorful cardstock. Print the format that works best for you.

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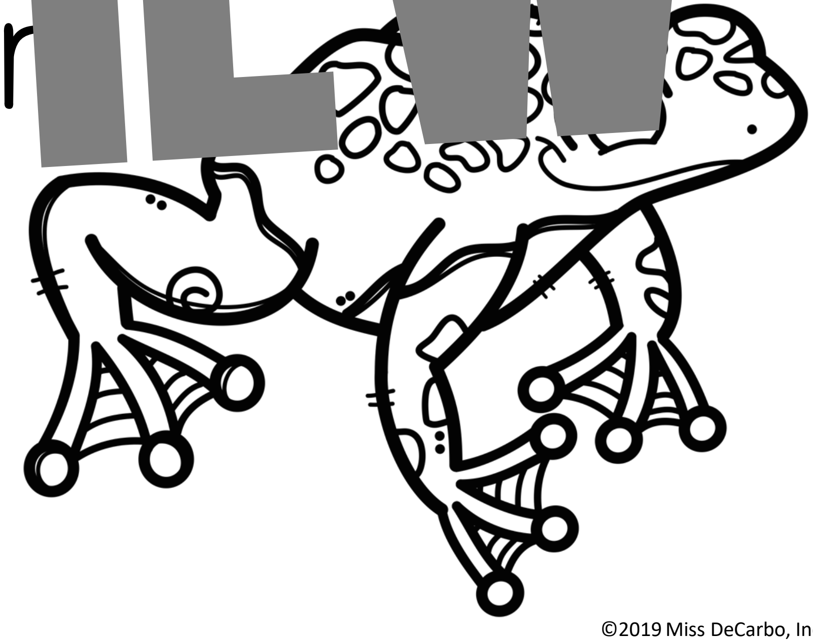

BOOK BAKERY BOOKMARKS

The bookmarks on the following page can be printed on cardstock and cut out for students to use during independent reading, partner reading time, small-group time, and more! You can print them out on white paper and allow students to refer to the bookmarks when they are identifying a books' genres as they read. For this bookmark, I've chosen five popular genres to refer to. If you need additional genres added, just have students write them on the backs of the bookmarks.

***An additional idea is to have students color cupcakes beside the genres they read independently. Their goal would be to read one book from every genre to complete their "Book Bakery Bookmark Mission".**

These bookmarks also make excellent reading tools to send home. They will help parents help their children identify the books' genres during nightly reading! Enjoy!

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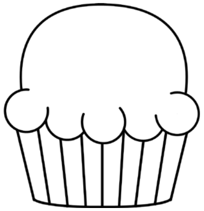
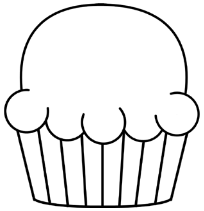
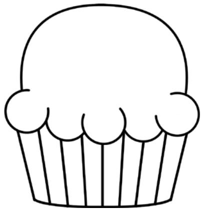
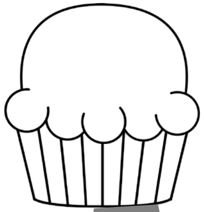
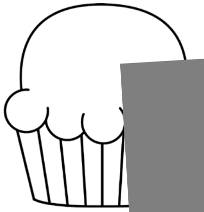
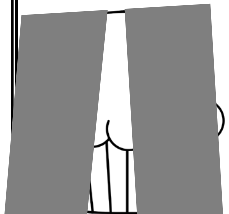
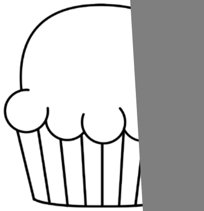
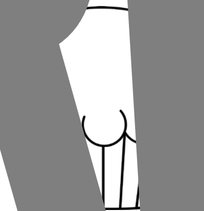
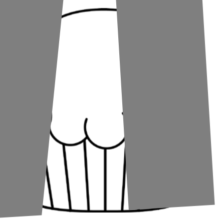
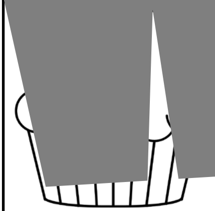
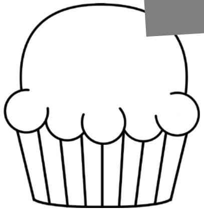
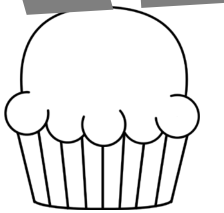
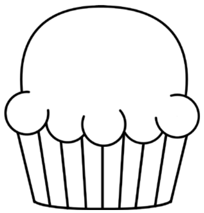
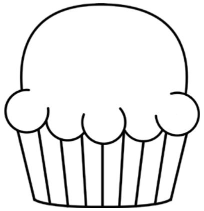
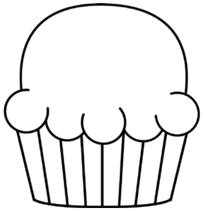
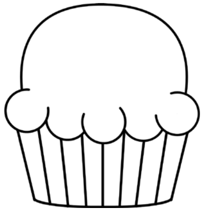
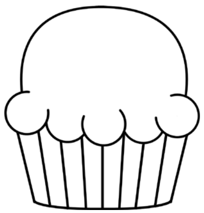
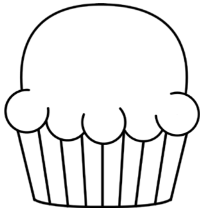
 Fantasy	 Fantasy	 Fantasy	 Fantasy
 Realistic Fiction	Realistic Fiction	 Realistic Fiction	Realistic Fiction
 Nonfiction	 Nonfiction	 Nonfiction	 Nonfiction
 Biography	 Biography	 Biography	 Biography
 Poetry	 Poetry	 Poetry	 Poetry

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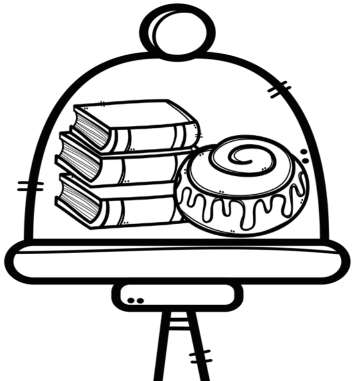

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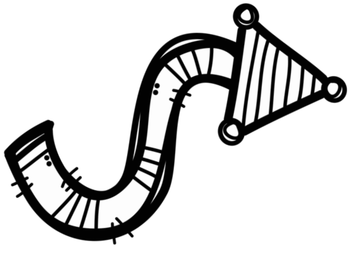

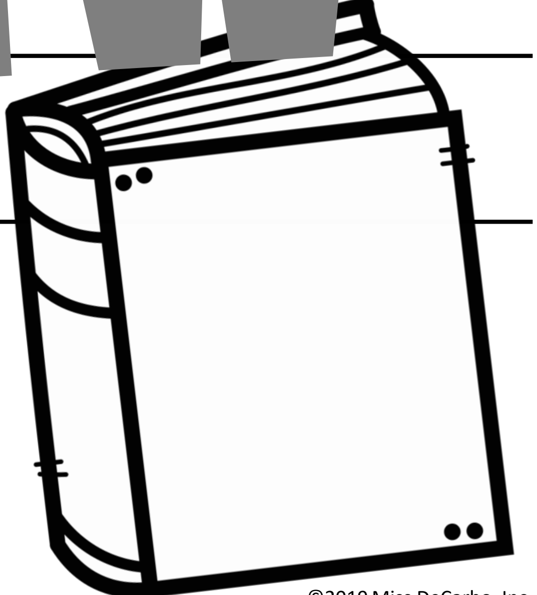

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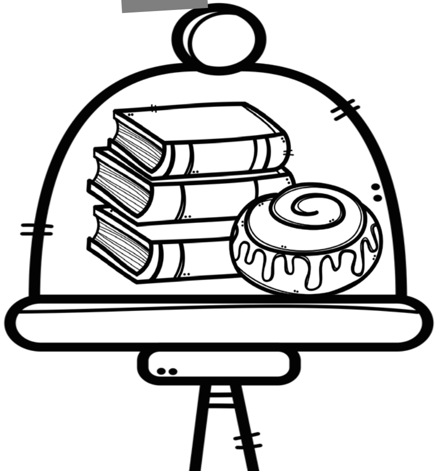

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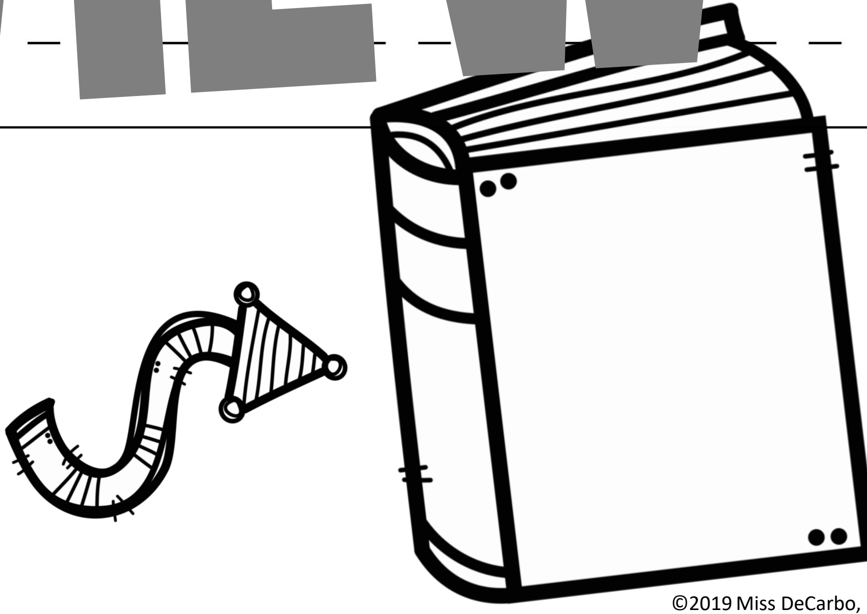

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