



LEAP's Guide to Reading Historical Fiction



Elements of Historical Fiction

Narrative structure with characters, setting, and a plot

Includes significant historical time periods, believable details, and vivid descriptions of the characters.

The story may include real historical events or people, but much of the storyline (e.g., the characters, problem, or exact events) is NOT based on facts.

Comprehension Tips

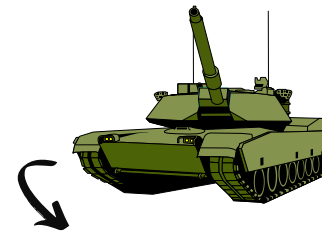
Prior knowledge: Think about what you already know about the place and/or the time period.

Making inferences: Use your prior knowledge of historical events and information from the text to consider how a character may be feeling and/or thinking during certain events.

Helpful Information

Historical fiction can be a great way to learn a lot about history without even realizing it! You can explore a time period, historical event, or the lives of historical figures from a character's point of view by reading an interesting historical fiction story.

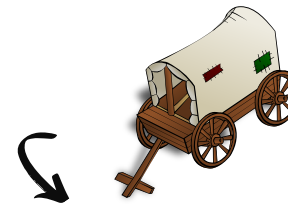
What part of history would you like to explore through a story?



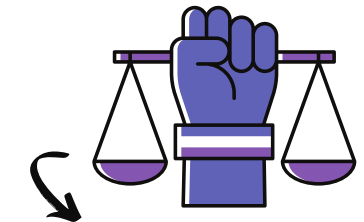
World War II



Ancient Egypt



The Oregon Trail



Civil Rights Era

Historical fiction books we recommend:

- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Flygirl by Sherri Smith
- The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare
- Butterfly Yellow by Thanhha Lai
- Once by Morris Gleitzman