

My Favourite Canadian Authors Worksheet

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Objective: Listening comprehension with video and learning book related vocabulary

Level: B1 to advanced

Instructions:

Task 1: Watch the youtube video about my favourite Canadian authors.

Task 2: Read through the vocabulary definitions below.

Task 3: Answer the discussion questions, either by talking to someone or writing your answers.

Vocabulary: Book Genres

Here is a list of the genres that I mentioned in the youtube video:

Science fiction (sci-fi) : A fiction genre that talks about technology and science in the future

Speculative fiction: A general term for works of fiction that happen in an imagined future. Often it includes works of science fiction, but it can also include other genres such as fantasy.

Fantasy: Literature set in an imaginary universe, often without any locations, events, or people from the real world. Magic, the supernatural and magical creatures are common in many of these imaginary worlds.

Historical fiction: A genre of literature that takes place in the past and is characterized by an imaginative reconstruction of historical events and/or people

Magical Realism: A genre in which realistic narrative are combined with surreal elements of dream or fantasy.

Coming-of-age story: A genre that focuses on the transformation of a character from youth to adulthood.

Folklore: The traditional beliefs and stories from a community or country, typically very old stories passed from generation to generation, usually by word of mouth.

Adjectives

A list of the adjectives I use in the video:

Infertile: A person or animal unable to reproduce (have children)

Authoritarian: enforcing strict obedience and restricting personal freedom.

Fundamentalist: A person who believes in a strict, literal interpretation of scripture in a religion.

Heart-wrenching: Something that's very sad or emotional.

Other Useful Book Vocabulary

Plot: The main events or story of a book or film.

Characters: The people who are written about in a book or appear in a film. There can be *minor* characters that only appear briefly, and *main* characters.

Protagonist: The main character or “star” of a book or TV series.

Discussion Questions

1. What genre of book do you read the most often?
2. What is one of your favourite novels? How would you describe the plot and characters?
3. Who are your favourite Catalan or Spanish writers? How would you describe their novels?