

Historical Fiction

Definition:

Stories set during a specific period in history in the past, such as the ancient Romans, the ancient Egyptians or the Victorians.

Key Features:

Stories based on famous events in history or well-known historical figures.

An example of a historical fiction story

Steven Riggs didn't know who'd named him. It wasn't his father, who had never even clapped eyes on him and it wasn't his mother, who died giving birth to him. It was probably someone in the cold, dank workhouse where he lived with a gaggle of other homeless orphan boys. The workhouse was a cruel, hard place to grow up. Hungry and drained, depressed and downbeat, Steven despised queuing every night for grey, watery gruel. The more he had that grey, watery gruel, the more depressed and downbeat he became. But he was so hungry...

One fateful day, Steven dared to ask, "Please sir, can I have some more?" The master went red, then crimson and then almost purple with rage!

"MORE!" he shouted. "Be off with you to Mr Dongle." Terrified, Steven ran away and faced the dark and dangerous streets of Victorian Britain alone.

Could you use these ideas to write your own historical fiction story?

Key Words

Long ago	Words
civilisation	associated
empire	with the
ancient	historical
feud	period.

Settings

Any real historical period, such as ancient civilisations, Tudors, Vikings etc.

