Thematic Unit- Life, Love, and Learning

Keeping It Real With Nonfiction Key Terms

**Genre**- The term used for a type or category of literature.

**Fiction**- A genre of literature invented with the imagination.

**Nonfiction**- A genre of literature that is true and based on real things, people, events, and placed.

**Historical Fiction**- A genre of literature including a setting that is usually real and drawn from history and may contain actual historical persons and events, but the main characters tend to be fictional.

**Memoir**- An autobiography focusing on specific time period or experience in a person’s life.

**Biography**- The story of someone’s life written by another person.

**Autobiography**- The story of someone’s life written by that particular person.

**Chronological Order**- The arrangement of events following one after another in time.

**Cultural Context**- Understanding the behaviors, beliefs, and characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group that may be relevant to understanding the meaning of the story.

**Historical Context**- Understanding the political and social events of a time period that may be relevant to understanding the meaning of the story.

**Theme**- The meaning behind story.

**Tone**- The attitude of the writer conveyed through writing.

**Dialect**- A particular form of a language or accent that is peculiar to a specific region or social group.