

**OBERLIN HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADE 9  
ENGLISH LITERATURE WORKSHEET**

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Topic: Genres of Literature

Another word for genre is 'type'. There are three genres of Literature. They include:

1. **Poetry- poetry** is a genre of literature which is based on a particular form that creates a rhyme.
2. **Prose- Prose** refers to written or spoken language that is not in **poetic** form. It is ordinary everyday Language used by people.
3. **DRAMA- Drama** is a performing art in which actors use dialogue and actions to tell a story or convey a message to a viewing audience. It is meant to be performed on a stage.

**Instructions: Read each description below and determine the genre of Literature. (Poetry, Prose, Drama)**

1. This genre is designed for music rhythm to be applied to it. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sentences and paragraphs and used in this form of expression. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Words are arranged using lines and stanzas. \_\_\_\_\_
4. This genre employs the use of a script with dialogue \_\_\_\_\_
5. Props, Stage directions and lighting are essential. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Literary work has metrical form, also known as meter. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Literary devices are a key feature of this genre. \_\_\_\_\_
8. This genre uses narration and description. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Novels, fairy tales, articles, newspaper. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Divided into Acts and Scenes. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Narrative points of view vary. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Often quoted as a verse. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Similar to a short story because it has plot, conflict, and setting. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Contains a set, lighting, music and costumes. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Uses quotation for direct speech. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Poetry and Prose: What's the Difference?**

Nearly all writing shares the goal of communicating a message to an audience, but how that message is communicated can differ greatly.

The divisions between poetry and prose aren't clear-cut, but here are some generally accepted differences.

### **Prose**

Most everyday writing is in prose form.

The language of prose is typically straightforward without much decoration.

Ideas are contained in sentences that are arranged into paragraphs.

There are no line breaks. Sentences run to the right margin.

The first word of each sentence is capitalized.

Prose looks like large blocks of words.

### **Poetry**

Poetry is typically reserved for expressing something special in an artistic way.

The language of poetry tends to be more expressive or decorated, with comparisons, rhyme, and rhythm contributing to a different sound and feel.

Ideas are contained in lines that may or may not be sentences. Lines are arranged in stanzas.

Poetry uses line breaks for various reasons—to follow a formatted rhythm or to emphasize an idea. Lines can run extremely long or be as short as one word or letter.

Traditionally, the first letter of every line is capitalized, but many modern poets choose not to follow this rule strictly.

The shape of poetry can vary depending on line length and the intent of the poet.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Poetry, Prose and Drama Quiz

Circle the answers that best matches.

1. Cast of characters	Poetry	Prose	Drama
2. Figurative Language	Poetry	Prose	Drama
3. Actor reads from a script	Poetry	Prose	Drama
4. Uses complete sentences	Poetry	Prose	Drama
5. Rhyme Scheme	Poetry	Prose	Drama
6. A play	Poetry	Prose	Drama
7. Uses stanzas or verses	Poetry	Prose	Drama
8. Has dialogue	Poetry	Prose	Drama
9. Haiku	Poetry	Prose	Drama
10. Written in paragraphs	Poetry	Prose	Drama