Main Genres

There are two main genres of books—fiction and nonfiction. **Fiction** books are made-up and are not based on real events. **Nonfiction** books are based on real events.

**Directions**: Read each book description below and decide whether you think each is **fiction** or **nonfiction**. Write your answer on the line.

1. The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James is a story of the University of Washington’s rowing team, which competed for a gold medal at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.
   
   Genre: _____________________________

2. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by J.K. Rowling is a story about a boy who learns he is a wizard, but must defeat an evil wizard named Voldemort.
   
   Genre: _____________________________

3. The Giver by Louis Lowry is a story about a made-up society where a boy named Jonas must fight the sameness in this dystopian society.
   
   Genre: _____________________________

4. Wild by Cheryl Strayed is about her life-changing 1,100-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in 1995.
   
   Genre: _____________________________