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.

There are also many subgenres of books. **Fantasy** stories have events that could never happen in real life. **Mystery** books is a story with clues, centered around a puzzling event. **Science fiction** stories take place in the future and often include science and technology. **Historical nonfiction** stories are informative stories that describe events from the past. **Informational** books are true and factual, and often contain supporting evidence.

**Directions:** Read each book description below and decide whether you think each book’s genre is **fiction** or **nonfiction**, then decide whether the subgenre is **fantasy**, **mystery**, **science fiction**, **historical nonfiction**, or **informational**. Write your answer on the line.

1. *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin is a made-up story about a man who dies, then his heirs need to solve the secret behind his death.

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3. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis is a story about a group of kids who travels to Narnia, a magical world where animals talk and the White Witch has ruled for 100 years.

   Genre: ____________________  Subgenre: _____________________

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