

Genre task

Read the extracts and decide which genre they belong to.

Extract 1

The Martians had been repulsed, driven away. They had retreated to their triangle of spaceships again, in a circle. Military vehicles with guns were rapidly brought in from Windsor, Portsmouth and London...altogether one hundred and sixteen were in position or being hastily placed. Never before in England had there been such a vast or rapid concentration of military material.

Which genre? _____

Words that tell you _____

Extract 2

On glancing over my notes of the 70-odd cases in which I have been involved during the last eight years with my friend, Sherlock Holmes, I find many tragic, some comic, some strange but none commonplace. Sherlock refused to associate himself with any investigation which did not tend towards the unusual, and even the fantastic. Of all these varied cases, I cannot recall any which presented more of these features than that associated with the well-known Surrey family of the Roulettes of Stoke Moran.

Which genre? _____

Words that tell you _____

Extract 3

...she saw Mr. Darcy walk into the room. In a hurried manner he immediately began an inquiry after her health...He sat down for a few moments, and then getting up, walked about the room. Elizabeth was surprised, but said not a word. After a silence of several minutes, he came towards her in an agitated manner, and thus began:

“In vain I have struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you”.

Elizabeth’s astonishment was beyond expression. She stared, coloured, doubted, and was silent....

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Extract 4

Mr Ollivander moved closer to Harry. Harry wished he would blink. Those silvery eyes were a bit creepy.

“Your father, on the other hand, favoured a mahogany wand. Eleven inches. Pliable. A little more power and excellent for transfiguration. Well, I say your father favoured it – it’s really the wand that chooses the wizard, of course”.

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Extract 5

All at once the wolves began to howl as though the moonlight had had some peculiar effect on them...just then a heavy cloud passed across the face of the moon, so that we were again in darkness. Suddenly, I became conscious of the fact that the driver was in the act of pulling up the horses in the courtyard of a vast ruined castle, from whose tall black windows came no ray of light, and whose broken battlements showed a jagged line against the moonlit sky.

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Extract 6

Suddenly, with a loud buzz, a little cloud of pirates leaped from the woods on the north side and ran straight on the stockade. At the same moment, another pirate grasped Hunter’s musket by the muzzle, wrenched it from his hands, plucked it through the loophole, and with one stunning blow, laid the poor fellow senseless on the floor. Meanwhile a second, running unharmed all around the house, appeared suddenly in the doorway and fell with his cutlass on the doctor.

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Extra challenge (post your answers on Teams!):

1. Can you guess which novels the extracts come from?
2. Write down the name of another story in the same genre as each of the extracts.