This Really Good Stuff® product includes:
- Fiction vs. Nonfiction Anchor Chart Poster, Write Again® wipe-off laminate
- This Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide

Congratulations on your purchase of this Really Good Stuff® Fiction vs. Nonfiction Anchor Chart Poster—an interactive anchor chart to help students recall the key elements that differentiate fiction from nonfiction.

Meeting Common Core State Standards
This Really Good Stuff® Fiction vs. Nonfiction Anchor Chart Poster is aligned with the following Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts:

- **Craft and Structure**
  - **RL.1.5** Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a range of text types.
  - **RL.2.6** Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.

Displaying the Fiction vs. Nonfiction Anchor Chart Poster
Before displaying the Fiction vs. Nonfiction Anchor Chart Poster, make copies of this Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide, and file the pages for future use. Or, download another copy of it from our Web site at www.reallygoodstuff.com. Hang the Poster where students will be able to see it easily.

Introducing the Fiction vs. Nonfiction Anchor Chart Poster
Gather several fiction and nonfiction books about the same subject, such as monkeys. Choose one fiction and one nonfiction book to use as samples for the class. Lay the rest of the books out on display in the area you will be teaching. Ask students to browse through the books on display. Direct students’ attention to the Fiction vs. Nonfiction Anchor Chart Poster. Review what the words fiction and nonfiction mean, making sure that students define fiction as a piece that describes imaginary events or people and nonfiction as a piece about facts or real events. Hold up your samples. Discuss the difference between the two monkey books, explaining that although they are both about monkeys, the nonfiction book contains real facts about monkeys while the fiction book is a story about imaginary monkeys.

Directing students’ focus back to the Poster, explain that they are going use the Poster to review the differences between fiction and nonfiction, starting with the features of each. If necessary, remind students that a feature is a characteristic of a book that distinguishes it from another book. Using your sample books, show how the fiction book has “story talk” while the nonfiction book has “real talk.” Read a few sections, if necessary, to illustrate the difference. Split students into small groups, have them look for other features of fiction and nonfiction, and then share their discoveries. Repeat this process for author’s purpose and genre/text types.

Fiction
**Features:** story talk; unreal/made up; text is sequential; illustrations; tells a story; settings; problems and solutions; characters; theme; dialogue
**Author’s Purpose:** to entertain
**Genres/Text Types:** fantasy, short story, historical fiction, mystery, science fiction, adventure fiction, cartoon, folktale, legend, fairy tale, poetry, realistic fiction, tall tale, humor, fable

Nonfiction
**Features:** real talk; factual information; text may often be read in any order; facts; photographs; captions; labels; diagrams; table of contents; main idea; supporting details; glossary; index; charts; true places and things; illustrations of real events, objects, or people; key words; various fonts and highlighted or bold text
**Author’s Purpose:** to inform
**Genres/Text Types:** biography, autobiography, newspaper, magazines, Web site, essay, speech, textbook, reference book, history, science

Fiction vs. Nonfiction Review
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Book Order Sort
Create a fun and engaging learning center to compare fiction and nonfiction: Make two large posters, and label them Fiction and Nonfiction. Gather multiple copies of dated classroom book orders. Tell students to cut the images of the books and paste them to the correct poster. Challenge more capable students to add callouts for any key fiction and nonfiction features they see.

All activity guides can be found online.
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Using the same topic, make your own fiction and nonfiction book cover. Create a title, and draw a picture for each book.


Cut out the words below, and paste them onto the correct book page.

Illustrations  Diagrams  Index  Setting  Real
Fantasy  Characters  Photographs  Tells a story  Gives facts