



## **ANSWERS**

Biographies and autobiographies are stories about the real lives of real people, so they need to be both factual and rendered in a way that feels realistic. Everything in these kinds of books is assumed to have really happened by virtue of the genre.

Historical fiction tells a story that is set in a particular actual historical time period. One of the aims of this genre is to accurately convey the historical setting and what life was like during that period. Historical fiction has verisimilitude to the extent that it is authentic to its historical period.

A story is only successful to the extent that we care about its characters. For that reason, verisimilitude is important in literary fiction because it makes for a compelling text that engages us emotionally.