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Worksheet 5. What's in a genre?

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	we been assigned a literary genre from <i>Moby-D</i> election from the text aloud and write answers to		
Genre:	chapte	er	
1.	What do you first notice about the structure of	the text, just by looking at it?	
2.	What is the topic of the selection?		
3.	Record five phrases or sentences that you think are representative of the piece you've been assigned. Record them in the left column of the chart below. In the right column, write the stylistic feature each exemplifies.		
	Quotation	Features of the Quotation	

Melville's "Moby-Dick": Shifts in Narrative Voice and Literary Genres

4.	Describe the tone of the piece.
5.	Are there any words or techniques that are used throughout the piece?
6.	If this piece is representative of your genre, what would you expect other works in this genre to look like?
7.	Together, using the text as evidence, write a working definition of your genre.
8.	Does this definition match your expectations for this genre? Why or why not?