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Words

小说 小說
xiǎoshuō novel / fiction

> 我不看他的小说。
> Wǒ bú kàn tā de xiǎoshuō.
> I do not read his novels.

作者
zuòzhě author / writer

> 作者是巴西人。
> Zuòzhě shì Bāxī rén.
> The author is Brazilian.

作家
zuòjiā author

> 他想成为一名作家。
> Tā xiǎng chéngwéi yì míng zuòjiā.
> He wants to become a writer.

作品
zuòpǐn work (of art) / opus

> 我不很熟悉他的作品。
> Wǒ bù hěn shúxī tā de zuòpǐn.
> My acquaintance with his works is slight.

诗 詩
shī poem / poetry / verse

> 她写了好多诗。
> Tā xiěle hǎoduō shī.
> She wrote a lot of poems.

文学 文學
wénxué literature

> 文学是美丽的。
> Wénxué shì měilì de.
> Literature is beautiful.

诗人 詩人
shīrén poet / bard

> 他只是个诗人。
> Tā zhǐshì gè shīrén.
> He is nothing but a poet.

角色
juésè role / part (in a play or movie etc)

> 她演的角色很受欢迎。
> Tā yǎn de juésè hěn shòuhuānyíng.
> The character she plays is very popular.

象征 象徵
xiàngzhēng symbol / emblem / to symbolize / to signify / to represent

> 富士山是日本的象征。
> Fùshì Shān shì Rìběn de xiàngzhēng.
> Mt. Fuji is a symbol of Japan.

比喻
bǐyù to compare / to liken to / metaphor / analogy / figure of speech / figuratively

> 老师说，这个比喻很有意思。
> Lǎoshī shuō, zhège bǐyù hěn yǒuyìsi.
> The teacher said this metaphor is very interesting.

散文
sǎnwén prose (as opposed to verse) / free-form literary prose, such as essays, sketches and reflections

> 昨天我们写了我们的散文。
> Zuótiān wǒmen xiěle wǒmen de sǎnwén.
> Yesterday we wrote our essays.

诗歌 詩歌
shīgē poem

> 她从小就爱读诗歌。
> Tā cóngxiǎo jiù ài dú shīgē.
> She has loved reading poetry since she was little.

描写 描寫
miáoxiě to describe / to depict / to portray / depiction / portrayal

> 作者描写了一个小城的春天。
> Zuòzhě miáoxiěle yí gè xiǎochéng de chūntiān.
> The author depicts spring in a small town.

情节 情節
qíngjié circumstances / plot / storyline

> 这件事情像是电影情节。
> Zhè jiàn shìqing xiàng shì diànyǐng qíngjié.
> That's something like a movie scenario.

题材 題材

tícái subject matter

> 他最喜欢写历史题材的小说。
> Tā zuì xǐhuan xiě lìshǐ tícái de xiǎoshuō.
> He likes writing novels with historical subject matter best.

古诗 古詩

gǔshī old verse / Classical Chinese poem

> 这首古诗你读懂了吗?
> Zhè shǒu gǔshī nǐ dúdǒngle ma?
> Did you understand this classical poem?

诗词 詩詞

shīcí verse

> 爷爷每天早上都会背几首诗词。
> Yéye měitiān zǎoshang dōu huì bèi jǐ shǒu shīcí.
> Every morning my grandfather recites a few poems.

韵律 韻律

yùnlǜ cadence / rhythm / rhyme scheme / meter (in verse) / prosody

押韵 押韻

yāyùn to rhyme / sometimes written 壓韻|压韵

著作

zhùzuò to write / literary work / book / article / writings

> 这位老教授有很多重要的著作。
> Zhèwèi lǎo jiàoshòu yǒu hěn duō zhòngyào de zhùzuò.
> This old professor has many important works.