**Narrative Nonfiction:** Prose writing of real people, places, objects, or events.  It comes in multiple forms, including autobiography, biography, journal, diary, correspondence, email, or journalism.

Main purposes:

1. Give information to the public about events & experiences
2. Give information to private audiences & themselves

Types:

1. Journal: Daily events & personal observations
2. Historical Narrative: Records historical events either in primary or secondary format
3. Slave Narrative: Explains writer’s experience as a slave and possibly their freedom
4. Autobiography: Tells a life story (memoirs are a type of this)
5. Exploration Narrative: Records information about travels to new places

**Spirituals:** Folk songs sung by African American slaves with the following characteristics:

1. Refrain: word, phrase, line, or group of lines repeated throughout song to emphasize the main idea, create a rhythm, and help the listener to remember it.  Leader of spirituals usually sang the verse, the rest sang the refrain like a chorus.
2. Biblical allusions & allegory: Full of references to the Bible, which often acts like an allegory that talks about both the Bible story and their own desire for freedom