

What Is Historical Fiction?

It's a story with a setting based on historical facts, but the details of the characters and plot are made up.

Historical Photo

This photo shows real immigrants from other countries arriving at Ellis Island in New York City.



Illustration

This painting is inspired by historical photos. It's in a fictional book about a girl who welcomes her cousin to America.



Historical Artifact

This Ellis Island ledger lists the people on a ship who immigrated to America.



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Chapter Book

This scene is from a historical fiction book. The story is made up, but it includes real details based on historical facts.

Rebecca squinted through the fog at the brick immigration building on Ellis Island. She was worried about her cousin Ana. Her uncle had sent a telegram weeks ago saying they had escaped Russia with great difficulty. Rebecca felt sure that if Ana arrived safely, the two of them would be like sisters.

Illustration and excerpt from *Rebecca and Ana* by Jacqueline Dembar Greene

