Famous Writers

1. Tell your group about a famous writer from your country.
2. Do you have an annual writers’ festival in your country?
3. Do you enjoy writing stories?
4. What type of stories do you prefer to write? Choose two and explain why.

Crime  Detective  Comedy

Tragedy  Horror

Drama  Mystery  Thriller

Tragicomedy  Romance  Fantasy

Adventure  Black comedy
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