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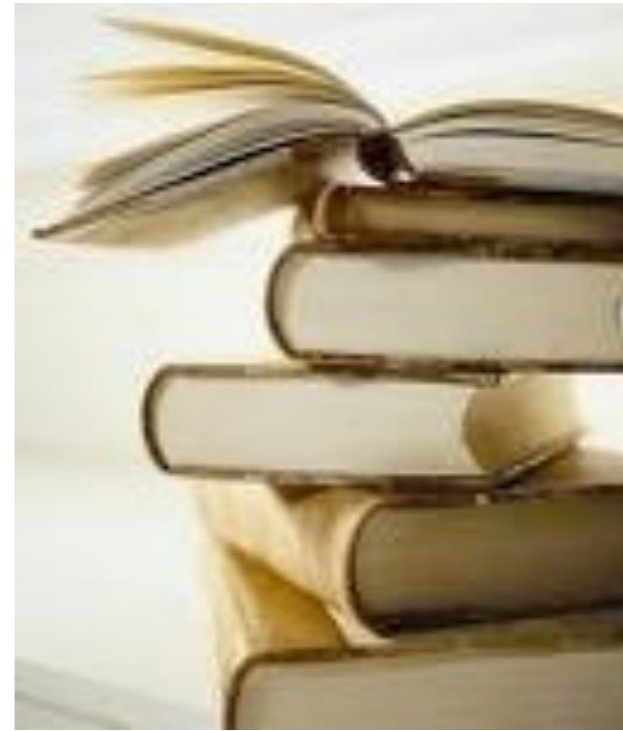
Creating and Using Digital Content



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Finding Text

1. Finding Fictional Text
2. Finding Non-Fiction Text

Finding Fictional Text

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