

## Flashcard Exercise

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Allegory	representation of abstract ideas as actions and characters
Allusion	a symbol for the word "and"
Tone	author's attitude toward the subject matter
Catharsis	emotional purging
Anachronism	something out of place and time
Annotate	provide explanatory notes
Antagonist	opposes the main character
Metaphor	implied comparison
Anthology	published collection of works or parts of works by an author or several authors
Parable	brief fictional work teaching a lesson
Archetype	original model on which copies are made
Acronym	the repetition of initial sounds
Autobiography	personal account of one's life
Bard	poet
BellesLettres	beautiful letters
Bibliography	list of sources
Burlesque	comic or mocking imitation of something serious
Realism	way of representing life that emphasizes ordinary people
Stereotype	judgment based on only one aspect of a person's character
Ampersand	a word formed from the initial letters of other words
Characters	people in the story
Flat Character	one-sided (emotions)
End rhyme	rhyming of words at the ends of lines of poetry
Dynamic Character	always changing (actions)
Indirect Characterization	learn about characters actions, dialogue, etc.
Invocation	calling upon a divine power for aid
Cliché	overused expression or idea
Speaker	person talking in a poem

Colloquial	conversational
Theme	main idea of a piece of literature
Synonyms	words with virtually the same meaning
Internal struggle is the main conflict	Man vs. Self
Imagery	sensory details
Character against the environment	Man vs. Nature
Thesaurus	dictionary of synonyms
Continuous Form	lines follow each other without formal grouping
Symbol	something concrete represents something else
Conflict beyond one's control	Man vs. Supernatural
Hyperbole	extreme exaggeration
Character against another character	Man vs. Man
Consonance	repetition of final consonant sounds
Pagination	numbering of pages
Denouement	final solution of a play or story
Fixed Form	traditional pattern that applies to a whole poem
Assonance	repetition of vowel sounds
Dialect	major subdivision of a language
Parody	intended to mock a particular literary work or its style
Soliloquy	speech in which character does not address others
Repetition	repeating a word or phrase to stress its importance
Analogy	a comparison of two or more objects, suggesting that if they are alike in certain respects, they will probably be alike in other ways as well
Scansion	the analysis of the rhythm of any given verse
Third Person Omniscient	all knowing; the narrator knows everything about the characters
Discourse	all communication in language
Dialogue	conversation of characters
Drama	form of literature known as plays
Preface	brief introduction to a work stating an author's intention (foreword)
Connotation	meaning reader believes the word means
Ballad	narrative in the oral tradition
Ellipsis	used to indicate leaving out a word or passage
Inference	reasonable conclusion
Plagiarism	duplicating another writer's work without giving proper credit
Epigram	short saying, usually satirical or ironic

Monologue	an extended speech by one person
Euphemism	using a less direct, offensive word or phrase
Simile	a comparison using like or as
Epitaph	inscription on a tomb
Epithet	descriptive name given to a person
Narrative poetry	poetry tells a story
Conflict	the problem or struggle in a story
Eulogy	spoken or written praise, often of somebody dead
Flashback	interruption to show episode from the past
Extended metaphor	metaphor developed at great length
Farce	highly humorous and improbable plot
Figurative Language	using figures of speech to heighten meaning
Vignette	written or verbal sketch of a brief scene or incident
Fantasy	takes place in an unreal world
Protagonist	main character
Syntax	word order
Character against the system	Man vs. Society
Persona	a role or character
Third Person	outside narrator tells the story
Folklore	customs, legends, songs, and stories of a people or nation
Genre	form or type of literature
Biography	story of one's life written by someone else
Denotation	dictionary definition
Homophones	sound alike, spelled differently
Foil	contrast or challenge to another character
i.e.	"that is"
Paraphrase	rewording
Fiction	writing from a writer's imagination
Climax	major turning point
Poetic Devices	terms used to describe features of a poem
Homonyms	spelled alike, sound alike, but have different meanings
Motif	recurring things a piece of literature
Alliteration	reference to something well-known
Foreshadowing	hint to the reader of what is to come
Prose	literary writing not marked by rhyme or meter
Elegy	a lyric poem on death or some other sombre subject
Onomatopoeia	words sounding like the thing being discussed
Verbal irony	opposite of what you say
Irony of situation	exact opposite of what you expect to happen, happens
Carpe Diem	"seize the day"

Mood	emotions the reader feels
Malapropism	type of pun that results when two words become jumbled in the speaker's mind
Diacritical marks	indicate pronunciation
Static Character	never-changing (actions)
First Person	narrator is a character is in the story
Vernacular	native language of any particular place
Metonymy	one thing is substituted for another thing with which it is actually associated
Refrain	phrase of line repeated at regular intervals
Prologue	something that precedes and serves to introduce the main body of a work
Novel	long work of narrative prose
Antonyms	opposite meanings
Style	manner of expression characteristic of the author
Myth	traditional story connected with religion of a people
Antithesis	balancing of two contrasting things
Characterization	method of acquainting readers with characters
Nonfiction	writing about real people, places, things, and events
Novella	prose fiction shorter than a novel
Trilogy	group of three related works
et. al	"and others"
Ode	lyric poem usually composed in complex stanza form and intended to praise
Oxymoron	contradictory terms placed together
Internal Rhyme	rhyme that happens inside a line of poetry
Palindrome	word or phrase reading the same forwards and backwards
Aside	spoken to the audience
Paradox	statement that seems contrasting to common sense yet may be true
Sonnet	short poem, usually 14 lines
Anonymous	bearing no name
Rhyme scheme	pattern of rhyme in a stanza
Idiom	customary expression
Lyric poetry	rich in musical devices
Neoclassicism	writing that shows the influence of the Romans and Greeks
Tragedy	literature in which the character suffers disaster after a serious struggle but faces his or her downfall with heroic stature
Dramatic irony	events or facts are understood by the reader, but not the characters

Jargon	language of a trade or profession
Philosophical Phrases	wise, brief sayings embodying a moral
Poet Laureate	chief poet of a nation
Poetry	rhythmic, compressed language that uses figures of speech and imagery that appeals to emotions and imagination
Shape Form	made to look like the topic which it addresses
Direct Characterization	author tells about characters
Dramatic poetry	characters speak in their own person, just like those in a stage play
Irony	contrast between what appears to be and what really is
Personification	giving human qualities to non-living objects
Synecdoche	part is substituted for the whole
Pun	play on words
Satire	literary tone used to ridicule or make fun of human vice or weakness, often with the intent of correcting, or changing the way things are
Point of View	relationship between the teller of the story and the characters
Redundant	unnecessary use of words
Epic	long narrative poem
Rhetoric	art of persuasion by speech or writing
Fable	simple story teaching a lesson, generally with animals as characters
Rhythm	arrangement of stressed and unstressed syllables
Romance	long narrative with adventure, love, and magic
Plot	sequence of events in a story
Round Character	many-sided (emotionally)
Surreal	bizarre, fantastic
Stanzaic Form	poet writes in a series of stanzas