

LITERARY DEVICES

Alliteration - representing the same initial consonant sound in several words

Allusion - a reference to a well-known person, place, event, or work of art

Assonance - repetition of vowel sounds in non-rhyming words

Blank verse - Poetry that doesn't rhyme but which has a set meter and rhythm

Couplet - two rhyming lines

Foreshadowing - hints that suggest future events in a story

Hyperbole - an extreme exaggeration to emphasize a point; not meant literally

Irony - contradiction between what is said or what happens and what is expected

Metaphor - comparison of two unlike things not using like or as

Mood - the feeling a piece gives the reader

Parody - work that copies the form of an existing piece to make fun of it

Pun - a play on words (I'm sitting on my watch, so I can be on time)

Personification - a non-human subject is given human characteristics

Satire - Making fun of something in order to expose or correct it

Simile - a comparison of two things using "like" or "as"

Symbol - An object that represents something else (a dove is a symbol for peace)

Tone - the author's attitude toward the story and the readers

Theme - the central message of a story; a statement about life