

An unfinished glossary of literary terms

Fill in the missing definitions as you discover them and use the blank boxes at the end for your own definitions

Word	Definition
Alliteration	The repetition of the initial sounds of several words in a group, to create a poetic effect.
Ambiguity	
Aside	A device in which a character in a drama speaks aloud but is not heard by the other characters in the play.
Assonance	
Autobiography	
Ballad	
Biography	The story of a person's life, written by someone other than the subject of the book.
Blank verse	
Cacophony	
Cadence	
Caesura	A pause within a line of poetry, usually indicated by a punctuation mark.
Character	
Connotation	
Dramatic irony	

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Dramatic monologue	
Elegy	
Euphemism	
Euphony	
Figurative language	
Genre	
Hyperbole	
Imagery	
Irony	
Juxtaposition	
Metaphor	
Meter	
Narrative poem	
Onomatopoeia	
Oxymoron	

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Paradox	
Parody	
Pathetic fallacy	
Personification	
Plot	
Protagonist	
Rhyme	
Rhythm	
Satire	
Setting	
Simile	
Soliloquy	
Sonnet	
Stanza	
Stereotype	

Word	Definition
Symbolism	
Tone	

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