

LITERARY ARTS VOCABULARY

Alliteration	The repetition of initial consonant sounds (i.e. <i>slimy snakes slither</i>)
Assonance	The repetition of vowel sounds in poetry
Blank verse	A one lined pattern of verse with unrhymed iambic pentameter
Breath	The pause created by line breaks that give a poem rhythm
Chant	A poem, meant to be read aloud, that repeats one or more lines
Cinquain	A five line poem with two, four, six, eight, and two syllables
Collaboration	A poem written with one or more poets together
Concrete poem	A visual poem created with space, color, and shape of words and letters
Consonance	Repetition of ending sounds that are not vowel sounds (i.e. stroke, luck; first, last)
Couplet	A pair of lines of poetry, usually rhymed
Diction	Word choice
Enjambment	To break a line in a place that interrupts a logical phrase
Figurative language	Language that is not literal, that means more than what is said
Form	The rules or pattern governing the visual aspect of a poem
Found poem	A piece of writing that was not intended as a poem but that is declared a poem by the writer
Free verse	Poetry written without rules, with no beat or line pattern.
Haiku	A Japanese form of poetry consisting of three short lines. (Haiku poems do not have to conform to a 5/7/5 rule as commonly thought
lambic pentameter	A verse pattern of five stresses per line (Stresses are syllables of "light" and "heavy" sounds per line)
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Juxtaposition	The placement of one word, idea, or phrase beside another to create contrast or surprise
Metaphor	A comparison between two unlike things: <i>love is a rose</i>
Meter	The arrangement of words into rhythmic lines or verse
Line	The basic unit of the poem
Line break	The point at which one line ends and another one begins
Ode	A lyric poem that celebrates a thing or person
Onomatopoeia	Words that sound like what they mean: <i>hiss, snap, buzz.</i>
Personification	To give human qualities to an animal, an object or an idea
Rap	Primarily an oral form of poetry that has a strong rhythmic component, often accompanied by music.
Repetition	Repeated words, phrases, stanzas, etc. that help to create rhythm in poetry
Revision	To "see again", the process of changing and perfecting writing
Rhyme	Words that sound alike (i.e. <i>bat, cat, hat)</i>
Rhythm	The beat of a poem, can imitate the cadence of natural speech or music
Sensory detail	The use of the five senses for descriptive purposes
Simile	A comparison of two unlike things using "like" or "as" (i.e. " <i>love is like a rose</i> ," " <i>love is as sweet and thorny as a rose</i> ")
Sonnet	A fourteen line poem, most commonly written in two parts: an eight and six line stanza. The last two lines are frequently set apart. The poem usually develops a main idea
Stanza	A group of lines in a poem that is separated by extra amounts of space from other groups of lines used to designate divisions in a poem
Tone	The overall effect of the poem
Voice	The person who is speaking through the poem