

7th Grade Literary Terms Matching 11

Write the word that best matches each definition or clue.

1. NOVEL A fictional story that is usually more than one hundred book pages long.
2. MAIN IDEA The most important idea expressed in a paragraph or in an essay.
3. METAPHOR An imaginative comparison between two unlike things in which one thing is said to be another thing.
4. PERSONIFICATION A figure of speech in which a nonhuman or nonliving thing or quality is talked about as if it were human or alive.
5. ONOMATOPOEIA The use of words whose sounds echo their sense.
6. FREE VERSE Poetry without a regular meter or rhyme scheme.
7. IRONY In general, a contrast between expectation and reality.
8. METAMORPHOSIS A marvelous change from one shape or form to another.
9. MYTH A story that explains something about the world and typically involves Gods or other superhuman beings.
10. FORESHADOWING The use of clues to suggest events that will happen later in the plot.
11. IMAGERY Language that appeals to the senses.
12. NONFICTION Prose writing that deals with real people, events, and places without changing any facts.
13. PLOT The series of related events that make up a story including the introduction, exposition, conflict, complications, climax, and resolution.
14. MOOD The overall emotion created by a work of literature.
15. FOLK TALE A story with no known author that originally was passed on from one generation to another by word of mouth.

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