

7th Grade Literary Terms Study Sheet 3

1. poetry A kind of rhythmic compressed language that uses figures of speech and imagery designed to appeal to emotion and imagination.
2. point of view The vantage point from which a story is told.
3. refrain A group of words repeated at intervals in a poem, song, or speech.
4. rhyme The repetition of accented vowel sounds and all sounds following them in words close together in a poem.
5. rhythm A musical quality produced by the repetition of stressed and unstressed syllables or by the repetition of certain other sound patterns.
6. setting The time and place in which the events of a work of literature take place.
7. short story A fictional prose narrative that is usually ten to twenty pages long.
8. simile A comparison between two unlike things using the words "like" or "as."
9. speaker The voice talking in a poem.
10. stanza A group of consecutive lines that form a single unit in a poem.
11. suspense The uncertainty or anxiety you feel about what will happen next in a story.
12. symbol A person, a place, a thing, or an event that has its own meaning and stands for something beyond itself.
13. tall tale An exaggerated fanciful story that gets more and more far-fetched as it is told and retold.
14. theme The truth about life or main message revealed in a work of literature.
15. tone The attitude that a writer takes toward the audience, a subject, or a character.