

## 8th Grade Literary Terms Matching 3

Write the word that best matches each definition or clue.

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

folk tale	main idea	personification	irony	metamorphosis
nonfiction	novel	mood	onomatopoeia	imagery
plot	myth	metaphor	free verse	forshadowing