

8th Grade Literary Terms Matching 6

Write the word that best matches each definition or clue.

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

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