

8th Grade Literary Terms Matching 9

Write the word that best matches each definition or clue.

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

nonfiction

forshadowing

personification

irony

folk tale

mood

free verse

myth

onomatopoeia

metamorphosis

novel

plot

metaphor

main idea

imagery