

8th Grade CCSS Literary Terms Study Sheet 2

1. alliteration The repetition of the same or very similar consonant sound in words that are close together.
2. allusion A reference to a statement, a person, a place, or an event from literature, history, religion, mythology, politics, sports, or science.
3. autobiography The story of a person's life, written by that person.
4. biography The story of a real person's life, written by another person.
5. character A person or animal who takes part in the action of a story, play, or other literary work.
6. conflict A struggle or clash between opposing characters or opposing forces.
7. connotation The feelings and associations that a word suggests.
8. denotation The literal dictionary definition of a word.
9. dialect A way of speaking that is characteristic of a particular region or group of people.
10. dialogue A conversation between two or more characters.
11. drama A story written to be performed for an audience.
12. fable A brief story in prose or verse that teaches a moral or gives a practical lesson about how to live one's life.
13. fiction A prose account that is made up rather than true.
14. figure of speech A word or phrase that describes one thing in terms of something else and is not literally true.
15. flashback An interruption in the action of a plot to tell what happened at an earlier time.