

7th Grade Poetry Terms Study Sheet

1. stanza A group of lines in a poem that form a unit, often with a specific rhyme scheme or meter.
2. rhyme The similarity of sounds at the end of two or more words, often used for musical or rhythmic effect.
3. metaphor A figure of speech that directly compares two unlike things by stating one is the other.
4. simile A figure of speech that compares two unlike things using "like" or "as."
5. imagery Vivid and descriptive language that appeals to the senses, creating a mental picture.
6. personification Giving human characteristics to non-human objects or animals.
7. alliteration The repetition of initial consonant sounds in a line or verse.
8. onomatopoeia Words that imitate or resemble the sound they describe.
9. meter The pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line of poetry.
10. haiku A traditional Japanese poem with three lines and a 5-7-5 syllable pattern.
11. rhyme scheme The pattern of rhyming words at the end of lines in a poem, often represented with letters (e.g., ABAB).
12. sonnet A 14-line poem with a specific rhyme scheme and meter, often used for expressing love.
13. hyperbole Exaggerated language or statements used for emphasis or effect.
14. symbol An object, person, or concept that represents a deeper meaning in a poem.
15. theme The central message or lesson conveyed by a poem.
16. narrative poem A poem that tells a story and has a plot, characters, and setting.
17. limerick A humorous five-line poem with a specific rhyme and meter pattern.
18. free verse Poetry that lacks a regular rhyme or meter, often focusing on natural speech rhythms.
19. oxymoron A figure of speech that combines two contradictory words for a unique effect, like "bittersweet."
20. assonance The repetition of vowel sounds within a line of poetry for auditory effect.