

8th Grade Poetry Terms Study Sheet

1. metaphor A figure of speech that compares two unlike things without using "like" or "as."
2. simile A figure of speech that compares two unlike things using "like" or "as."
3. stanza A group of lines in a poem that forms a distinct unit.
4. rhyme The similarity of sounds at the end of words in poetry.
5. alliteration The repetition of initial consonant sounds in a line of poetry.
6. personification Giving human qualities to non-human objects or animals.
7. onomatopoeia Words that imitate the sound they represent (e.g., "buzz" or "hiss").
8. imagery Descriptive language that creates vivid mental pictures for the reader.
9. meter The rhythmic pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line of poetry.
10. haiku A three-line Japanese poem with 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second, and 5 in the third.
11. limerick A humorous five-line poem with a specific rhyme scheme (AABBA).
12. sonnet A 14-line poem with a specific rhyme scheme and meter, often expressing love or beauty.
13. symbol An object or element in a poem that represents a deeper meaning or concept.
14. theme The central message or idea conveyed by a poem.
15. repetition The use of words, phrases, or sounds for emphasis or effect.
16. rhyme scheme The pattern of rhyming words in a poem, usually represented by letters (e.g., ABAB).
17. narrative poem A poem that tells a story or recounts events.
18. free verse Poetry that does not follow a specific rhyme or meter pattern.
19. tone The author's attitude or emotional expression in a poem.
20. hyperbole Exaggerated language used for emphasis or effect.
21. enjambment The continuation of a sentence or phrase from one line of poetry to the next without a pause.
22. ballad A narrative poem that often tells a tragic story and is typically sung or recited.