

Poetry Terms Study Sheet 1

1. Stanza A group of lines in a poem.
2. Rhyme Correspondence of sound between words.
3. Meter Rhythmic pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables.
4. Simile Comparison using "like" or "as".
5. Metaphor Direct comparison between two unlike things.
6. Personification Giving human characteristics to non-human things.
7. Imagery Vivid description that appeals to the senses.
8. Symbolism Use of objects or actions to represent abstract ideas.
9. Alliteration Repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words.
10. Assonance Repetition of vowel sounds within words.
11. Enjambment Continuation of a sentence or phrase from one line to the next without a pause.
12. Onomatopoeia Words that imitate the sound they represent.
13. Haiku Japanese poem with three lines and syllable pattern 5-7-5.
14. Sonnet 14-line poem with a specific rhyme scheme and meter.
15. Limerick Humorous poem with five lines and a specific rhyme scheme.
16. Free Verse Poetry without a regular meter or rhyme scheme.
17. Ballad Narrative poem often set to music.
18. Couplet Two consecutive lines of poetry that rhyme.