

Poetry Terms Study Sheet

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.
19. Quatrain Stanza with four lines.
20. Elegy Poem mourning the loss of someone or something.
21. Ode Poem expressing admiration or praise for someone or something.
22. Hyperbole Exaggerated statements used for emphasis.
23. Diction Word choice in a poem.
24. Repetition Repeating words or phrases for emphasis.
25. Tone Author's attitude toward the subject.
26. Mood Emotional atmosphere of a poem.
27. Irony Contrast between expectation and reality.
28. Juxtaposition Placing two things close together for comparison.
29. Synecdoche Figure of speech where a part represents the whole.
30. Allusion Reference to a well-known person, place, or event.
31. Ekphrastic Poem inspired by a work of art.
32. Epiphany Moment of sudden realization or insight.
33. Apostrophe Addressing an absent person, abstract concept, or inanimate object.
34. Blank Verse Unrhymed iambic pentameter.
35. Caesura Pause within a line of poetry.
36. Envoi Concluding stanza of a poem.