

The List of
Must-Know Literary Terms

1. Accent
2. Allegory
3. Alliteration
4. Allusion
5. Anachronism
6. Anecdote
7. Aphorism
8. Apostrophe
9. Aside
10. Assonance
11. Ballad
12. Blank verse
13. Cacophony
14. Caricature
15. Catharsis
16. Colloquialism
17. Conceit
18. Consonance
19. Conundrum
20. Diction
21. Dissonance
22. Elegy
23. End rhyme
24. Epic
25. Epigram
26. Epithet
27. Euphony
28. Exemplum
29. Fabliau
30. Farce
31. Figurative language
32. Foil
33. Foot
34. Frame
35. Hubris
36. Hyperbole
37. Internal rhyme
38. Inversion
39. Lyric poem
40. Kenning
41. Meter (the prefixes too)
42. Objectivity
43. Onomatopoeia (meaning and spelling)
44. Parallelism
45. Parody
46. Petrarchan Sonnet
47. Point of view (first person, stream of consciousness, omniscient, limited omniscient)
48. Refrain
49. Riddle
50. Romanticism
51. Stanza (couplet, tercet, quatrain, cinquain, sestet, octave)
52. Synecdoche (meaning and spelling)
53. Syntax
54. Voice