

Poetic Terminology

The following are the poetic terms you will need to know and study for our discussion of poetry. It will also help come exam time. Use this guide wisely as it will benefit your understanding of the terms employed in poetry.

- I. What is poetry? Definition: a kind of language that says more and says it more intensely than does ordinary language.
Yours: _____

- II. Words
 - A. Denotation: _____
e.g. _____
 - B. Connotation: _____
e.g. _____
- III. Imagery _____
e.g. _____
- IV. Figurative Language
 - A. Metaphor: _____
e.g. _____
 - B. Simile: _____
e.g. _____
 - C. Personification: _____
e.g. _____
 - D. Symbol: _____
e.g. _____
 - E. Irony: _____
e.g. _____
 - F. Paradox: _____
e.g. _____
 - G. Hyperbole: _____
e.g. _____
 - H. Understatement: _____
e.g. _____
- V. Allusion _____
- VI. Tone _____
- VII. Stanza _____
- VIII. Sonnet: _____