

Broadview Glossary Terms, English 4500

Poetic Terms

accent

alexandrine

anapest, dactyl, iamb, trochee

apostrophe

ballad

ballad stanza (see also common meter)

blank verse

closed couplet, couplet, and heroic couplet

dramatic monologue / persona poem / dramatic poem

elegy

caesura, end-stopped, and enjambment

epic

epic simile

epigram

fixed forms

foot [dimeter, trimeter, tetrameter, pentameter, hexameter, heptameter]

free verse

Horatian ode (regular stanzas; calm and meditative), Pindaric ode, and Irregular ode

hymn

lyric poetry [sonnet, ode, elegy, dramatic monologue, hymn]

meter

octave

ode

ottava rima

prosody

pyrrhic foot

rhyme [double rhyme, end-rhyme, eye rhyme, feminine rhyme and masculine rhyme, forced rhyme, internal rhyme, near rhyme, perfect rhyme]

rhyme scheme

rhythm

rising rhythm and falling rhythm

scansion

sestet

sonnet [Italian/Petrarchan sonnet, English/Shakespearean sonnet, turn/volta]

spondees

stanza

syllable

synaesthesia

terza rima

verse

verse form

Sound Devices

assonance
cacophony
consonance
dissonance
euphony

Rhetorical Terms and Figures of Speech

alliteration
chiasmus
antithesis
anaphora
hyperbole
oxymoron
parallelism
personification
poetic diction

Prose Terms

characterization
closure
dénouement
dialogue (also called indirect discourse)
epiphany
essay
fiction
first person narrative
flashback (analepsis) and flashforward (prolepsis)
foil
free indirect style/free indirect discourse
Freytag's pyramid
imagery
narrative perspectives
narrator
novel
stream-of-consciousness

Literary Concepts

allusion and intertextuality
affect
catharsis
close reading
diction (i.e. word choice)
figures of speech

genres

intertextuality

metaphor, simile, and symbol

Romanticism