

Literary terms

Literary terms are used to describe the tools applied by writers to create the intended reaction in the reader or audience. The terms may, for instance, refer to language, style or technique and can be used in discussions, analyses and interpretations of texts to clarify why the text had a certain effect on you. "She has a heart of stone" is an example of a metaphor which creates a very clear impression of what a person is like.

1. Choose a word from the list below and fill in the blanks:

allegory – alliteration – connotation – denotation – dystopia – ethos - figurative language – flashback – genres (use twice) – imagery – intertextuality – irony – logos – metaphor – narrator – pathos – personification – point of view – setting – simile – tone – utopia

- a. The time and place in which the events of the story take place is called the _____.
- b. _____ is saying the opposite of what is meant, e.g. the speaker's intended meaning is different from what he or she explicitly says.
- c. A story which has more than one level of meaning with things or events representing ideas is an example of _____.
- d. _____ is a term used to describe an ideal state or a perfect place.
- e. An imaginary state or place in which everything is extremely bad, unpleasant or imperfect is called a _____.
- f. An appeal form of persuasion where the speaker appeals to logic and focuses on facts is called _____.
- g. An appeal form of persuasion where the speaker appeals to the audience's trust by establishing his or her own authority or expertise is called _____.
- h. An appeal form of persuasion where the speaker appeals to the audience's emotions is called _____.
- i. The basic meaning of a word that you can find in a dictionary is called _____.
- j. What a word suggests beyond its basic meaning is called _____.
- k. The _____ is the person who tells the story.
- l. The repetition of a consonant sound in a sequence of words which are close together is called _____.
- m. _____ is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared using "like" or "as".
- n. "She has a heart of stone" is a _____. It is when you use a word or phrase which literally denotes one kind of object or idea but is applied to another to suggest a likeness.
- o. Language which uses figures of speech such as metaphors and similes is called _____.
- p. Figurative language where an inanimate object or concept is spoken of as if it had human life is called _____.
- q. The _____ of the text shows the writer's attitude towards the subject or audience.
- r. A literary device used to give information about events which happened earlier than the main story is called _____.
- s. _____ is descriptive language that creates mental pictures in the readers or listeners. The images may appeal to various senses.

- t. The most common fictional _____ are the novel, the short story, poetry and drama. Non-fictional _____ are for example the essay, the article, the speech and the biography.
- u. _____ indicates how a story is told. It is the perspective from which the author has chosen to present the characters and events.
- v. When you have references in a text to other texts or elements in other texts, it is called _____.