

## Sweeney's AP Literary Terms List 1

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allegory	characters are symbols, has a moral
2. anaphora	repetition of the same word or words at the start of two or more lines
anastrophe	a usual word order is inverted
4. anecdote	story told by the writer to illustrate a point
5. antithesis	contrasting ideas presented in parallel form
6. apostrophe	someone absent, dead, or imagianary, or an abstraction, is being addressed as if it could reply
7. archetype	a character or personality type found in every society
assonance	repetition at close intervals of vowel sounds
9. asyndeton	a sentence style that omits conjunctions between words, phrases, or clauses
o. blank verse	unrhymed iambic pentameter
n. cacophony	harsh, non-melodic, unpleasant sounding arrangement of words
2. caesura	a natural pause in the middle of a line, sometimes coinciding with punctuation
3. <b>chiasmus</b>	a verbal pattern in which the 2nd half of an expression is balanced against the first with parts reversed
4. connotation	what a word suggests beyond its surface definition
5. consonance	repetition at close intervals of final consonant sounds
16. couplet	two successive lines which rhyme, usually at the end of a work
7. denotation	basic definition or dictionary meaning of a word
8. diction	choice of words for effect
9. didactic poetry	poetry with the primary purpose of teaching or preaching
20. dramatic irony	facts are unknown to character but known to readers
21. dramatic monologue	character "speaks" through the poem; a character study
22. <b>elegy</b>	poem which expresses sorrow over a death of someone for whom the poet cared, or on another solemn theme
23. <b>enjambment</b>	describes a line of poetry in which the sense and grammatical construction continues on to the next line
24. <b>epiphora</b>	repetition of a word of phrase at the end of successive clauses
25. ethos	Appeal to ethics
26. euphony	pleasant, easy to articulate words
27. feminine rhyme	latter two syllables of first word rhyme with latter two syllables of second word (ceiling appealing)

28. free verse	no fixed meter or rhyme
29. hubris	excessive pride
30. juxtaposition	technique in which two or more ideas, places, characters and their actions are placed side by side in a narrative or a poem for the purpose of developing comparisons and contrasts
31. <b>litotes</b>	an understatement in which an affirmative is expressed by negating its opposite
32. logos	Appeal to logic
33. <b>metonymy</b>	one word or phrase is substituted for another to which it is closely related
34. <b>onomatopoeia</b>	use of words which mimic their meaning in sound
35. paradox	statement or situation containing seemingly contradictory elements
36. pathos	Appeal to emotion
37. polysyndeton	a sentence style that employs many coordinating conjunctions
38. sibilance	hissing sounds represented by s, z, sh
39. situational irony	events turn out to be the opposite of expected
40. sonnet	14 line poem, fixed rhyme scheme, fixed meter (usually 10 syllables per line)
41. synecdoche	symbolism; the part signifies the whole, or the whole the part (all hands on board)
42. <b>syntax</b>	word order or grammatical appropriateness
43. <b>verbal irony</b>	words state the opposite of the speaker's true meaning
44. <b>zeugma</b>	use of a word to modify two or more words although its use may be grammatically or logically correct with only one