

## Poetry Terms

**alliteration:** repetition of same sound at the beginning of several words in a line

**allusion:** reference to a well-known person, place, or thing

**antonym:** words with opposite meanings

**assonance:** repetition of vowel sounds

**author's perspective:** the purpose a writer has for the text effect on its audience

**author's style:** how an author uses language to shape the tone or mood of their writing

**classic literature:** prose or poetry enjoyed by many for centuries

**connotation:** emotions or ideas associated with a word

**consonance:** repetition of consonant sounds

**context clues:** clues that help the reader determine the meaning of words in a sentence

**denotation:** the literal, dictionary meaning of a word

**hyperbole:** exaggeration to make a point or create an effect

**idiom:** a common saying that is not meant to be taken literally

**imagery:** author's use of sensory language to create a mental picture for the reader

**metaphor:** compare two unlike things

**meter:** the stressed and unstressed syllables

**mood:** feeling the reader gets from the text

**onomatopoeia:** using words whose sound imitates its meaning

**personification:** giving human characteristics to inhuman object

**point of view:** the view from which the narrator tells the story

**refrain:** in poetry, repeated words or lines

**rhyme:** gives a poem a musical quality

**rhythm:** pattern of sound within a poem

**simile:** compare two unlike things with "like" or "as"

**stanza:** poetry divided into groups of lines

**symbolism:** using an object to represent an idea

**synonym:** words with similar meanings

**theme:** central idea expressed; usually related to one of the universal themes

**tone:** author's attitude toward their subject