

Literary Terms

These 94 Literary Terms explain what, why, and how we read.

P E R S O N I F I C A T I O N I C O N C E I T P N I
R O H P A T E M M E S O L I L O Q U Y L X A M F E O
O D I E O A E O T I O L N Y U X I T Y A N T I Y B T
S X A N I R N Y N O A P O P G P E T M E R C T D T A
E A Y L T O E O L E W T L I M E R I C K T I P E N H
F M L M L O G O N X E E E N U P L D A I U L N M A E
E A H O O A F T M I T N C U E C O E O G F F O O T F
S R G U T R B V O S E N O K R T E N I R O N Y C U A
N U C O M P O S I T I O N I E G C B E E E O O O R F
E O R D A O U N D E R S T A T E M E N T L C L N A O
P P I E L T R M I N W I E H C A V S L L I L G N L L
S V I S T N B O S T C E X C A E R I Y A M T I O I K
U T E C U E A N O I T A T E R P R E T N I X C T S T
S S L R P L N O S A L E I S A A C R G A S D R A M A
T I A I S O L M M L E A E E H T F O A G R N U T A L
Y N T P T E E A I I I U N L C E T T N M A R G I P E
R O L T S B G T E S F A L R U N E I N T S X A O C G
O G L I K U E O R M H L A O U C W L G E R T E N V N
G A A O X R N P I Y H P A R G O I B O T U A A E O M
E T T N A L D O I R M O A S D Y J R K B R R S N Y N
L N D T N E M E U O N E D A H M E M O I R R E T Z I
L A I P R S G I R T D A H P T B F I P T E E H T N A
A O A O M Q U A N S N S A K N T A N H V E O P Y C R
N I L E R U L M E T E R E O O E N C K O L H A Y M F
U I O T H E A T E R G M V O L S T N K O Y M R L H E
Y C G R O T H A O O E E L B A R A P G O T Y O E E R
T O U Y E V C F I H L R A S N L S Y A S S E D N G C
O S E A O H Q B T S U F L O B M Y S P A N E Y O Y T

ALLEGORY	EULOGY	NATURALISM
ALLITERATION	EXAGGERATION	NON-FICTION
ALLUSION	EXISTENTIALISM	NOVEL
AMBIGUITY	FABLE	ODE
ANECDOTE	FANTASY	ONOMATOPOEIA
ANTAGONIST	FARCE	OXYMORON
AUTOBIOGRAPHY	FICTION	PARABLE
BALLAD	FLASHBACK	PARODY
BIOGRAPHY	FOLK TALE	PERSONIFICATION
BLANK VERSE	FOOT	PLOT
BOOK	FORESHADOWING	POETRY
BURLESQUE	FREE VERSE	POINT OF VIEW
CHARACTER	HAIKU	PROSE
CLIMAX	HERO	PROTAGONIST
COMEDY	HEROINE	REFRAIN
COMPOSITION	HUMOR	RHETORIC
CONCEIT	HYPERBOLE	RHYME
CONFLICT	IDIOM	SHORT STORY
CONNOTATION	INTERPRETATION	SIMILE
CONTEXT	IRONY	SOLILOQUY
CONTRAST	JOURNALISM	SONNET
COUPLET	LEGEND	STANZA
CRITICISM	LIMERICK	STYLE
DENOUEMENT	MEMOIR	SUSPENSE
DESCRIPTION	METAPHOR	SYMBOL
DIALECT	METER	TALL TALE
DIALOGUE	MONOLOGUE	THEATER
DRAMA	MORAL	THEME
ELEGY	MYTH	UNDERSTATEMENT
EPIC POETRY	MYTHOLOGY	URBAN LEGEND
EPIGRAM	NARRATIVE	VERSE
ESSAY		