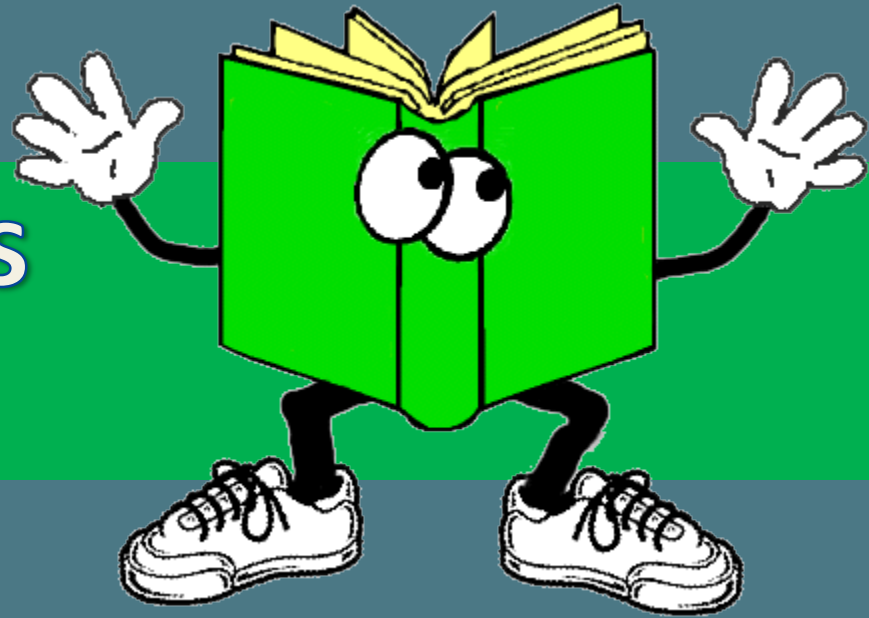


English 11 Honours Poetry Unit



English 12 Poetry Unit





Terms you need to know!

You have the main definition in your “Terms Package” – examples and practice you will write on your own notes page

Ready...

Simile

Definition:

A directly expressed comparison, a figure of speech comparing two objects using “like”, “as” or “than”

Example: He ran as fast as a cheetah

Example: My love for you is like an infection

Your turn – write two of your own similes!

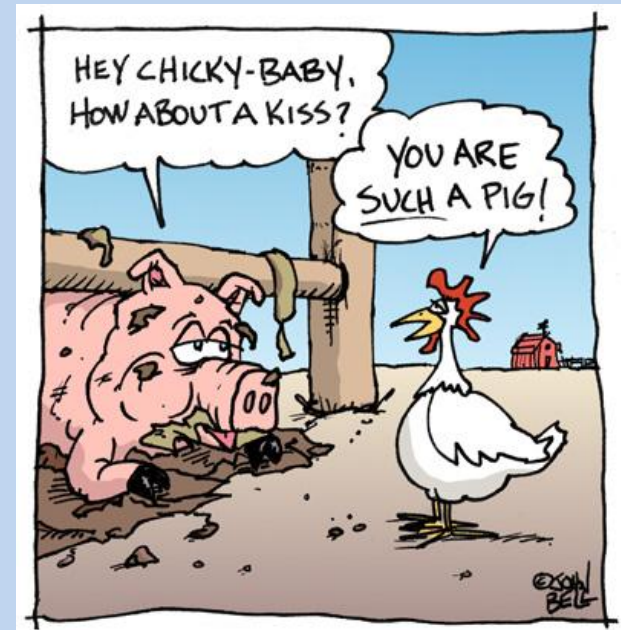
Metaphor

Definition:

A figurative use of language in which a comparison is expressed without the use of the comparative terms: “like”, “as” or “than”

Example: Men are pigs

Your turn –
write your own metaphor!



Alliteration

Definition:

The repetition of identical or similar consonant sounds, normally at the beginning of words.

Example: Norbert never knew of pneumonia

Example: All antelopes are air heads.

Your turn – write two of your own Alliterations!

Personification

Definition:

A kind of metaphor that gives inanimate objects or abstract ideas human characteristics.



Example: The tree danced!

Example: The building stared out of boredom

Hyperbole

Definition

A deliberate, extravagant, or outrageous exaggeration!

Example: I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!

Your turn! – Write a hyperbole!



Types of Stanzas in Poetry

Couplet: A two line stanza, usually with end- rhymes the same.

Tercet: A stanza of three lines, usually ending with the same rhyme



Quatrain: A four-line stanza, with any combination of rhymes

**Write
your
own!**

Couplet:

There once was a tree
Who wanted to see

Tercet...

Quatrain...

Stanza and Meter

Stanza: usually a repeated grouping of three or more lines with the same meter and rhyme scheme

Meter: The repetition of a regular rhythmic unit in a line of poetry.

*Each unit of meter is known as a foot

Stressed and Unstressed Syllables

The meters with two-syllable feet are

IAMBIC (x /) : That **time** of **year** thou **mayst** in **me**
behold

Iambic pentameter (5 iambs, 10 syllables)

That **time** | of **year** |
thou **mayst** | in **me** | **behold**



The End



How To Analyze a Poem...

Max Meaker
Robertson Per 1
11-5-09
Jose Marti Poem Analysis

Jose Marti's
5th Simple verse poem

Repetition of My poetry
and My poems: adds emphasis
on the fact that Jose's poems
are all these things.

Also, because Jose Marti is
the one writing the poems,
it is saying his ideas &
opinions are equivalent to
those things.

No. 5 from Simple Verses

If you see a hill of foam
It is my poetry that you see:
My poetry is a mountain
And is also a feather fan.

I think he is
saying his poetry
is big, unmoving
and comforting

Metaphor: Jose's poetry
to
a mountain

My poems are like a dagger
Sprouting flowers from the hilt;
My poetry is like a fountain
Sprinkling streams of coral water.

I think he is saying his
poems are sharp and
to the point, yet peaceful

Simile: Jose's poetry
to
a dagger

Simile: Jose's poetry
to
a fountain

My poems are light green
And flaming red;
My poetry is a wounded deer
Looking for the forest's sanctuary

I think this means his
poems flow in a
constant stream

I think
this means
his poems are
fierce

Metaphor: Jose's poetry
to
a wounded deer

My poems please the brave:
My poems, short and sincere,
Have the force of steel
Which (forges) swords.

I think Jose is saying
his poems may be
short & simple, but
the poem's messages are
strong & powerful.

refuge/shelter

Make

Quick impressions: This
poem seems to be about
how Jose's poetry is like a
mountain, dagger, fountain, wounded deer.

Narrator: Jose Marti

Because poetry is an expression of the
writer's opinion, I think this means he is saying
he is strong & unmoving like a mountain, sharp & to the point like a dagger, that his
ideas flow in a constant stream, and that like a wounded deer, he is someone
who has suffered & is seeking shelter/safety.

Devices of Sound and Diction

Rhyme: close similarity or identity of sound between accented syllables occupying corresponding positions.

AKA: words that share similar sounds

Example: If you do the crime
You'll do the time

Rhymes you say?

Eye Rhyme: Rhyme that appears correct from spelling, but is half-rhyme or slant-rhyme from the pronunciation.

Example: watch and match

Example: love and move



Internal Rhyme: A rhyme that occurs within a line, rather than at the end

Example: Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered weak and weary

Rhythm: The recurrence of stressed and unstressed syllables.

*heightens emotional response 😊

HUG O' WAR

I will not play at tug o' war.
I'd rather play at hug o' war,
Where everyone hugs
Instead of tugs,
Where everyone giggles
And rolls on the rug,
Where everyone kisses,
And everyone grins,
And everyone cuddles,
And everyone wins.



Assonance: the repetition of identical or similar vowel sounds

Example: waste, slain, tame ← 'a' sound

Consonance: The repetition of similar consonant sounds in a group of words.

**Ending consonants are the same, but vowels are different!*

Example: bill/ball or born/burn or dog/dug

Onomatopoeia...



Definition: The use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning...



Diction...

The use of words in literary work.

-informal

-formal

-slang

-terms from a specific group

-polite conversation



The End



Types of Poems

Blank Verse: unrhymed iambic pentameter.

How many
syllables are in
each line?

The Ball Poem by John Berryman

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily there it is in the water!

Types of Poems

Didactic Poem: A poem teaching a lesson.



The Archer Didactic Poem

What lesson does this poem
teach us?

Dramatic Poem: A poem that employs dramatic form or elements of dramatic technique that achieve poetic ends.

Example: Dramatic Monologue

[Luciana Monologue](#) - Vanessa Bolt

[Les Miserables - Anne Hathaway](#)

Elegy: A formal poem addressing the poet's meditations upon death or another solemn theme.

- Mournful, melancholic, a funeral piece

Free Verse: A poem written in no traditional meter, rhyme, or pattern. But tends to follow the rhythm of *natural speech*.

Lyric Poem: Any short poem that has a single speaker expressing thoughts and feelings.

Examples: Sonnets and Odes

Narrative Poem: A non-dramatic story, it is a narrative and can be long, short, simple or complex.

Examples: Epics and Ballads

[The Broken Legg'd man - Narrative Poem](#)

The End

