

POETRY TERMS LIST

RHYME SCHEME: THE RHYMES AT THE END OF A LINE OF A POEM

SIMILE: A METAPHOR COMPARING TWO THINGS

CLICHE: AN OVERUSED TERM OR SIMILE

METAPHOR: A TERM THAT COMPARES TWO THINGS

HAIKU: A 17 SYLLABLE POEM THAT FOLLOWS THE 5-7-5 PATTERN

JUXTAPOSITION: 2 THINGS THAT ARE SEEN OR PLACED CLOSELY TOGETHER TO CREATE CONTRAST AND EFFECT

FOUND POEM: A POEM MADE OF PASSAGES TAKEN OUT OF LITERATURE

IMAGERY: A DESCRIPTION THAT APPEALS TO THE SENSES. SIGHT, SOUND, SMELL, TASTE, AND FEEL

MOOD: THE FEELING THAT DEVELOPS IN THE READER WHILE READING LITERATURE

REPETITION: REPEATING WORDS, PHRASES, SOUNDS, OR IDEAS TO CREATE EMPHASIS OR RYTHME

ALLITERATION: REPETITION OF WORDS THAT BEGIN WITH THE SAME CONSONANT

ASSONANCE: THE REPETITION OF WORDS THAT BEGIN WITH THE SAME VOWEL

ONOMATOPOEIA: THE USE OF WORDS IN POETRY THAT SOUND LIKE WHAT THEY MEAN

EUPHONY: A HARMONIOUS COMBINATION OF WORDS TO PLEASE THE EAR

CACOPHONY: A HARSH, DISCORDANT MIX OF WORDS THAT DO NOT SOUND GOOD

DENOTATION: THE LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE MEANING OF A WORD

CONNOTATION: AN IDEA OR FEELING THAT COMES ALONG WITH THE LITERAL MEANING OF A WORD

PERSONIFICATION: GIVING HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS TO A NON-HUMAN BEING/ITEM