Understanding Literary Terms — List View

Abstract
Action
Allegory
Allusion
Analogy
Anecdote
Antagonist
Autobiography

Biography

Caricature
Character
Characterization
Cliché
Climax
Comedy
Concrete
Conflict   * types of
Connotation
Context

Denotation
Denouement
Description
Dialogue
Diction:
    Archaic
    Colloquialism
    Jargon
    Profanity
    Slang
    Trite
    Vulgarity

Didactic
Drama
Dramatic Monologue

Empathy
Epic
Epigram
Epitaph
Epithet
Essay
Exaggeration
Exposition
Falling Action
Farce

Figurative Language
Figure of Speech:
    Antithesis
    Apostrophe
    Hyperbole
    Litotes
    Metaphor
    Metonymy
    Personification
    Simile
    Symbol
    Synecdoche

Flashback
Foreshadowing
Form

Genre
Gothic Novel

Imagery
Impressionism
Irony

Limerick
Local Color

Malapropism
Melodrama
Mood
Moral
Motif
Myth

Narration
Narrator
Naturalism
Novel

Oxymoron

Parable
Paradox
Parallelism
Parody
Pathos
Plagiarism
Plot
Plot Line

Poetic Justice
Poetry:
    Alliteration
    Assonance
    Ballad
    Blank Verse
    Canto
    Caesura
    Cinquain
    Closed Couplet
    Consonance
    Elegy
    End Rhyme
    Enjambment
    Foot:
        Iambic
        Anapestic
        Trochaic
        Dactylic
        Spondaic
        Pyrrhic

    Free Verse
    Haiku
    Heroic Couplet
    Internal Rhyme
    Lyric
    Meter
    Ode
    Onomatopeia
    (Imitative Harmony)
    Paradox
    Pastoral
    Psalm
    Refrain
    Repetition
    Rhyme
    Rhymed Verse
    Rhythm
    Scansion

    Stanza:
        Couplet
        Triplet
        Quatrain
        Quintet
        Sestet
        Septet
        Octave

Verse:
    Monometer
    Dimeter
    Trimeter
    Tetrameter
    Pentameter
    Hexameter
    Heptameter
    Octometer

Point of View:
    First person
    Third person:
    Omniscient
    Limited Omniscient
    Objective

Protagonist
Pseudonym
Pun

Realism
Renaissance
Resolution
Rising Action
Romance
Romanticism

Sarcasm
Satire
Setting
Slapstick
Slice of Life
Soliloquy
Sonnet:
    Italian
    Shakespearean
Stereotype
Stream of
Consciousness
Structure
Style
Theme
Tone
Total Effect
Tragedy
Tragic Hero
Transcendentalism
Understatement