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Poetry Terms List

According to *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, poetry is: "...metrical writing; verse; writing that formulates a concentrated imaginative awareness of experience in language chosen and arranged to create a specific emotional response through meaning, sound, and rhythm..."

Using the "Guide to Literary Terms and Techniques" glossary in the back of your *Adventures in American Literature* book, write down the definition for each of the following most commonly used poetry terms. Only write what is printed in italics. Do not write down any examples; we will fill them in together as a class.

1. **alliteration**

Definition:

Example:

2. **assonance**

Definition:

Example:

3. **ballad**

Definition:

Example:

4. **blank verse**

Definition:

Example:

5. **couplet**

Definition:

Example:

6. **diction**

Definition:

Example:

7. **dramatic poetry**

Definition:

Example:

8. **elegy**

Definition:

Example:

9. **free verse**

Definition:

Example:

10. **hyperbole**

Definition:

Example:

11. **iambic pentameter**

Definition:

Example:

12. **inversion**

Definition:

Example:

13. **lyric poetry**

Definition:

Example:

14. **metaphor**

Definition:

Example:

15. **meter**

Definition:

16. **narrative poetry**

Definition:

Example:

17. **ode**

Definition:

Example:

18. **onomatopoeia**

Definition:

Example:

19. **refrain**

Definition:

Example:

20. **rhyme**

Definition:

21. **rhyme scheme**

Definition:

Example:

22. **rhythm**

Definition:

23. **sonnet**

Definition:

Example:

24. **stanza**

Definition:

25. **stream of consciousness**

Definition:

Example: