LITERARY TERMS

1. adage

2. aesthetics

3. allegory

4. alliteration

5. allusion

6. anachronism

7. anagnorisis

7b. anagram

8. anapestic

9. anaphora

10. antagonist

11. anticlimax

12. antistrophe

13. antithesis

14. aphorism

15. apostrophe

16. archetypal hero

17. archetype

18. aside

19. assonance

20. atmosphere

21. ballad

22. bard

23. bathos

24. biblical free verse

25. blank verse

26. bombastic

27. bowdlerize

28. cacophony

29. cadence

30. caesura

30b. canon

31. caricature

32. carpe diem

33. catastrophe

34. catharsis

35. climax

36. colloquialism

37. comedy

38. comedy of manners

39. comic relief

40. complex sentence

41. compound sentence

42. compound-complex sentence

43. conceit

44. conflict

45. connotation

46. consonance

47. couplet

48. crisis

49. dactylic foot

50. denotation

51. denouement

52. dependent clause

53. determinism

54. deus ex machina

55. diction

56. didactic

57. dirge

58. disunity

59. doggerel

60. double entendre

61. dramatic monologue

61b. editorial omniscience

62. euphony

63. elegy

64. embedded stories

65. empathy

66. end-stopped lines

67. English sonnet

68. enjambment

69. enthymeme

70. epic

71. epigram/ epigraph

72. epiphany

73. epithet

74. ethos

75. euphemism

75b. Euphony

76. existentialism

77. explicit meaning

78. exposition

79. expressionism

80. fable

81. falling action

82. farce

83. feminine rhyme

84. foil

85. foreshadowing

86. frame

87. free verse

88. genre

89. gothic novel

90. hamartia

91. heroic couplet

91b. historical criticism

92. homily

93. hubris

94. hymn

95. hyperbole

96. iambic

97. idiom

98. imagery

99. imagist

100. implicit meaning

101. implied author

102. implied reader

103. in medias res

104. independent clause

105. internal rhyme

106. intertextual

107. invective

108. irony

-verbal, situational,

dramatic, cosmic,

attitudinal

109. Italian sonnet

110. juxtapose

(juxtaposition)

111. lampoon

112. literary canon

113. litote

114. logos

115. loose sentence

116. lyric poetry

117. malapropism

118. masculine rhyme

119. masque

120. meiosis (not science)

121. melodrama

122. metaphor

123. metaphysical conceit

124. metonymy

125. metrics

126. miracle and morality

plays

127. mixed metaphor

128. mock heroic

129. modernism

130. mood

131. moral center

132. motif

133. motivation

134. narrative pace

135. naturalism

136. neoclassicism

136b. new criticism

137. non-sequitur

138. nonce form

139. octave

140. ode

141. omniscient point of

view

142. onomatopoeia

143. oversoul

144. overstatement

145. oxymoron

146. paean

147. parable

148. paradox

149. parallel

150. parody

151. paraphrase

152. pastoral

153. pathos

154. perepiteia

155. personification

156. picaresque novel

157. plagiarism

158. plot vs. story

159. poetic conventions

160. poetic license

161. poetry

162. point of view

163. private symbol

164. propaganda

165. prose

166. prosody

167. protagonist

168. public symbol

169. pun

170. quatrain

171. realism

172. referential meaning

173. resolution

174. reversal

175. rhetorical question

176. rhyme (end, near, off, slant,etc.)

177. rhyme royal

178. rhyme scheme

179. rising action

180. romanticism

181. satire

182. scansion

183. scenic narration

184. second person pov

185. sestet

186. sestina

187. setting

188. simile

189. simple sentence

190. slant rhyme

191. soliloquy

192. sonnet

193. Spenserian stanza

194. spondee

195. stasimon

196. stereotype

197. stichomythia

198. stream of

consciousness

199. subtext

200. summary narration

201. syllogism

202. symbol/ symbolism

203. sympathy

204. symptomatic meaning

205. synecdoche

206. synesthesia

207. syntax

208. tercet

209. terza rima

210. text

211. theatre of the absurd

212. theme

213. tone

214. tragedy

215. tragic flaw

216. transcendentalism

217. travesty

218. trochiac

219. trope

220. understatement

221. unity/ unities

222. universal symbol

223. verisimilitude

224. villanelle

225. zeugma