Examinable Terms and Devices in Literature

A

Alliteration Allusion Antagonist Aside Atmosphere Audience

B

Ballad Bias Blank verse

С

Character Chronological order Cliché Climax Colloquial Comedy Compare Conflict (internal, external) Connotation Contrast

D

Denotation Description Dialogue Direct presentation Drama Dynamic character

E

Exposition; expository

F

Falling action Figurative language First person point of view Flashback Flat character Foil Foreshadowing Free verse

G

Genre

H

Hyperbole

I

Image Imagery Indirect presentation Irony

J

Jargon

L

Limited omniscient point of view Lyric

Μ

Metaphor Mood

N

Narration Narrative Narrator

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Objective point of view Omniscient point of view Onomatopoeia Oxymoron

P

Paradox Personification Persuasion; persuasive Plot Point of view Propaganda Protagonist

R

Refrain Resolution Rhyme Rhyme scheme Rhythm Rising action Round character

S

Sarcasm Satire Setting Simile Slang Sonnet Speaker Stanza Static character Stereotyped character Style Suspense Symbol; symbolism

Т

Theme Tone Tragedy

U

Understatement

Types of Reading Passages or Excerpt Sources

- essays (formal or informal style)
- discontinuous texts (e.g., tables, charts, graphs, web pages, maps, timelines)
- non-fiction prose (diaries, journals, letters, newspaper columns, magazine articles)
- plays
- poetry
- novels
- short fiction