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## NOTES: Poetry Definitions

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Alliteration - Alliteration is the succession of similar consonant sounds.

Assonance - The succession of similar vowel sounds that are not recognized by spelling, rather by sound. For example, "I tried to fly but I crashed and cried".

Consonance - The close repetition of the same end consonants of stressed syllables with differing vowel sounds.

Doggerel Crudely - written poetry that lacks artistry in form or meaning. Trivial, poorly written verse that is sometimes intentionally, or unintentionally humorous.

Metaphor - Use of language that directly compares seemingly unrelated subjects.

Meter (Metre)- A measure of rhythmic quantity organized into groups of syllables at regular intervals in a line of poetry. The unit of meter is the foot

Onomatopoeia - Words used in place of where a reader should hear sounds. Words such as pop, crackle, snap, whizz, buzz, zing.

Persona - In literature, the person doing the talking. Most often in narration, persona is the "I".

Personification - A form of metaphor where an inanimate object, animal, or idea is given human-like characteristics such as "Night swallowed the sun's last ray of light"

Poem - Written expression of emotion or ideas in an arrangement of words/verse, most often rhythmically.

Prose - Ordinary or plain everyday language used in speech or writing with no patterns or rhymes.

Refrain - A repeated verse within a poem or song pertaining to a central topic (Like a song chorus).

Rhyme - A recurrence of similar ending sounds at the ends of a poetic line/verse such as 'run' and 'sun', or 'night' and 'light'.

Rhyme Scheme - A pattern established by the arrangement of rhymes in a line or stanza.

Rhythm - The rise and fall of stress.

Run-On Lines - Lines in which the thought continues into the next line. The opposite of end-stopped.

Simile - A comparison between two unlike things using like or as, etc. such as "Your eyes are like sparkling diamonds".

Stanza (Stanzaic) - One of the divisions of a poem, composed of two or more lines of verse usually characterized by a common pattern of meter, rhyme, or number of lines.

Symbol - An image or icon that represents something else by association.

Verse - A line of poetry that contains formal structure.