

Literary Terms - Activity 1

Literary terms to choose from:

Allusion	•Imagery	•Parody	•Sonnet
•Climax	•Irony	•Personification	•Subplot
•Foreshadowing	•Metaphor	•Refrain	•Symbol
•Flashback	•Mood	•Satire	•Theme
•Genre	•Narrator	•Setting	•Tone
	•Onomatopoeia		

Fill in the blanks: The object of this exercise is to match the word with the definition provided.

1. _____ is a literary device that allows writers to show their audience specific events that happened before the current action of the story.
2. _____ is a category system that literature falls into based on specific conventions that develop to characterize the differences.
3. _____ can be verbal, situational, or dramatic and has the result of the meaning, situation or action being one thing but meaning something different.
4. _____ is a type of literary work that satirizes another work, its author, or the ideas presented.
5. _____ is a type of literary device where an author ridicules specific people, groups, society.
6. _____ is where a story takes place.
7. _____ is a type of poem that has a specific rhyme and meter.
8. _____ is a minor story that runs inside the main story.
9. _____ is a concrete or physical object that represents an abstract concept.
10. _____ is how the writer feels about his subject that comes through based on words chosen.
11. _____ is how the reader feels about the story.
12. _____ is an abstraction that represents the central idea of the story.
13. _____ tells the story either in the first, second or third person point of view.
14. _____ is the most exciting part of a story where all of the main conflict comes together.
15. _____ is an intentional reference to another literary work or piece of art that the reader should understand in order to make connections.
16. _____ is when the author hints at actions that will come in the future.
17. _____ is a word that describes words that represent sounds.
18. _____ is a comparison of two different things to make them more alike.
19. _____ is when authors give human traits to animals or some other lifeless object.
20. _____ is repetition of sounds or words to form a pattern.
21. _____ is a writer's vivid description that help readers visualize.

Literary Terms - Activity 2

Directions: Match the example with one of the literary terms above. (Note that not all terms are used in this activity.)

_____ Time is money

_____ The house stared angrily at its new occupants

_____ Western, Science Fiction, Documentary

_____ A flag represents freedom

_____ Greed, Love, Sadness

_____ New York, New York, at the turn of the century

_____ Shakespearian and Petrarchan

_____ Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels

_____ "Gentlemen! You can't fight in here. This is the war room." (Dr. Strangelove directed by Stanley Kubrick)

_____ "She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by generosity added to love. Which is always a tremendous task, dear friends--a mammoth task." ("Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry)

Literary Terms - Activity 3

Directions: Write your own examples of the above.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Answer Key:

Activity 1

1) Flashback 2) Genre 3) Irony 4) Parody 5) Satire 6) Setting 7) Sonnet 8) Subplot
9) Symbol 10) Tone 11) Mood 12) Theme 13) Narrator 14) Climax 15) Allusion
16) Foreshadowing 17) Onomatopeia 18) Metaphor 19) Personification 20) Refrain
21) Imagery

Activity 2

Answers: 1) Metaphor 2) Personification 3) Genre 4) Symbol 5) Theme 6) Setting
7) Sonnet 8) Satire 9) Irony 10) Tone