

Literary Terminology

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Learning literary devices through illustrative examples from Anglo-American Literature
- learning a select glossary of literary terms

COURSE BOOK: Abrams and Lapham. *A Glossary of Literary Terms*, 11th Edition.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Week 1: Introduction to the Course

- Preliminary talk on objectives and method

Week 2: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- act
- allegory
- alliteration and assonance
- allusion

Week 3: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- ambiguity
- antihero
- antithesis
- archaism
- baroque

Week 4: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- bathos and anticlimax
- bombast
- burlesque

Week 5: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- carpe diem
- chorus
- cliché
- conceit
- connotation and denotation

Week 6: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- cyberpunk
- decorum
- deus ex machina

Week 7: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- doggerel
- dramatic monologue
- epigram
- epiphany
- epithet

Week 8: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- euphemism
- euphony and cacophony
- euphuism
- fabliau

Week 9: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- figures of thought
- free verse

Week 10: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- hyperbole and understatement
- hypertext
- invective
- irony

Week 11: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- ivory tower
- light verse
- malapropism
- masque

Week 12: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- melodrama
- meter

Week 13: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- negative capability
- onomatopoeia
- over-reading
- paradox
- parallelism

Week 14: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*

- pathos
- performance poetry
- persona, tone, and voice
- plot

Week 15: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*

- point of view
- pun
- purple patch
- refrain

Week 16: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- rhetorical figures (selective)

Week 17: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- roman à clef
- satire
- soliloquy
- stream of consciousness

Week 18: From *A Glossary of Literary Terms*:

- style
- sublime
- symbol
- synesthesia

Books for Further Reading:

- Cuddon, J.A. *A Dictionary of Literary Terms*. Middlesex: Penguin Books, 1984.
- Sokhanvar, Jalal. *The Practice of Literary Terminology*. Tehran: SMAT, 1997.
- Hebron, Malcolm. *Mastering the Language of Literature*. New York: Palgrave, Macmillan, 2004.
- Cuddon, J.A. *Literary Terms & Literary Theory*. Penguin Group. 1998.