LITERARY DEVICES

Literary Device	Definition	Example
Allegory	Work that symbolizes or represents an or event; used to convey a meaning.	
Alliteration	of the same or similar sounds in succession.	
Allusion	Indirect to a person, place, thing,, or idea.	
Anthropomorphism	of a non-human animal, event, or object as embodying human or	
Colloquialism	Informal piece of or turn of phrase used in everyday	
Diction	Word and style of a writer or character.	
Epiphany	Moment of sudden or by a character.	
Foreshadowing	Hinting at future or events to come to build in a	
Hyperbole	that is obviously and intentionally	
Idiom	Figure of that is based on the words alone, but which has or symbolic meaning.	
Imagery	of sensory which enables the reader to visualize the event.	
Irony	The of what is expected to happen. This can occur in, in situations, or in the behavior of	
Simile	between objects, events, or people, which uses "" or ""	

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Juxtaposition	Ideas, people, images, or object placed next to one another to their and	
Metaphor	Exact between two; things; used for dramatic or poetic; does not use "like" or "as."	
Mood	General feeling the narrator in the reader through the, descriptions, and other features.	
Onomatopoeia	Word that is closely or or to the sound it describes.	
Oxymoron	Pairing of seemingly terms used to convey or tension.	
Paradox	Apparent that, upon further, may contain truth; used for effect on the reader.	
Personification	of human characteristics to something nonhuman, or the representation of an quality in form; differs from anthropomorphism in that anthropomorphism involves non-humans displaying human traits and being of human behavior.	
Satire	Phrase or entire work that uses to behaviors, events, people, or vices.	
Symbolism	Something used to a larger or idea.	
Synecdoche	Instance of a representing a or vice versa.	
Tone	Speaker or narrator's toward the subject of the piece; distinct from in that it is not used to a particular feeling in the reader.	