

Poetry Terms

Poetry Term	Song/Poem Title	Definition	Example
alliteration	Garbage	repetition of beginning sound of words	Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout
rhyme scheme	" Love and Marriage "	the pattern of rhyming in the poem	Marriage a Carriage a Brother b Other b AABB AACC DD
literal meaning		what you hear is what is meant (no hidden, deeper meaning)	I forgot my homework I tied my shoes
figurative meaning		the abstract or symbolic meaning of poem	It's raining cats and dogs
theme	" Major Difference "	message or main idea of the poem	Just because people often hang around others who are like each other, doesn't mean we all don't have similarities.
tone	" Regular Days "	mood or feeling of the poem	Proud, passionate bc they don't have the big dreamy lifestyle but is still happy.
speaker	Maybe	narrator, point of view	Speaks differently, is spiderman "Dats"
symbol	Lotus Seed	an object which represents an idea, concept, or something else	She has the seed to resemble and remember her old life and old homeland.
imagery	" Street Window "	words used to appeal to senses (i.e. sight, hearing, taste,	Watches part

		smell, etc.)	
simile		comparison of two unlike things using like or as	
metaphor	" Major Difference "	comparison of two unlike things NOT using like or as	-We divide the world in columns -Columns represent the separate groups that people divide themselves in
personification	" Street Window "	giving human qualities to inanimate objects, animals, or ideas	They tell stories, coins watches
hyperbole	Garbage	exaggeration of the truth to make a point	It raised the roof, it broke the wall That it finally touched sky
onomatopoeia		word which imitates its sound	
assonance	Neals Deals	vowel sounds repeated for rhyming	Neals deals, ea
consonance	Neals Deals	consonant sounds repeated for rhyming	Neals deals, l