

### ***Literary Terms: A Start***

#### **The Basics:**

archetype

allusion

static and dynamic *character*

direct and indirect *characterization*

connotation and denotation

diction

figurative and literal language

imagery

metaphor and simile

mood/atmosphere

persona

symbol

syntax

tone

verisimilitude

willing suspension of disbelief

irony

dramatic

verbal

situational

plot, including exposition, climax, and  
denouement, resolution

point of view/narrator

- first person
- second person
- third person omniscient
- third person objective
- third person limited

#### **The Rest**

allegory

alliteration

aside

bildungsroman

convention (related to genre)

foil (character)

in medias res

monologue

motif

oxymoron

paradox

parody

satire

soliloquy

stock character

tragedy, tragic hero, catharsis