

## AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION LITERARY AND RHETORICAL TERMS LIST

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:     [WWW.VIRTUALSALT.COM/RHETORIC.HTM](http://WWW.VIRTUALSALT.COM/RHETORIC.HTM),  
   [HTTP://WWW.VIRTUALSALT.COM/LITTEMS.HTM](http://WWW.VIRTUALSALT.COM/LITTEMS.HTM)  
   [HTTP://WWW.UNCP.EDU/HOME/CANADA/WORK/ALLAM/GENERAL/GLOSSARY.HTM](http://WWW.UNCP.EDU/HOME/CANADA/WORK/ALLAM/GENERAL/GLOSSARY.HTM)

TERMS	DEFINITION
Allegory	
Alliteration	
Allusion	
Ambiguity	
Analogy	
Anaphora	
Antecedent	
Antithesis	
Aphorism	
Apostrophe	
Atmosphere	
Caricature	
Clause	
Colloquialism	
Conceit	
Connotation	
Denotation	
Diction	
Didactic	
Euphemism	
Expletive	
Extended metaphor	
Figurative language	
Figure of speech	
Genre	
Homily	
Hyperbole	
Imagery	
Inference/infer	
Invective	
Irony/ironic	
Verbal irony	
Situational irony	
Dramatic irony	
Loose sentence	
Metaphor	
Metonymy	
Mood	

Narrative	
Onomatopoeia	
Oxymoron	
Paradox	
Parallelism	
Parody	
Pedantic	
Periodic sentence	
Personification	
Point of view	
First person	
Third Person	
Third person limited	
Third person omniscient	
Prose	
Repetition	
Rhetoric	
Rhetorical appeal	
Logos	
Ethos	
Pathos	
Rhetorical modes	
Exposition	
Argumentation	
Description	
Narration	
Rhetorical question	
Sarcasm	
Satire	
Style	
Syllogism	
Symbol/symbolism	
Synecdoche	
Syntax	
Theme	
Thesis	
Tone	
Transition	
Understatement	
Litotes	
Meiosis	
Wit	
Zeugma	