POETRY UNIT STUDY GUIDE

MAKE FLASHCARDS FOR EACH TERM.

TYPES OF POETRY

- Limerick – a humorous, rhyming, 5 line poem with rhyme scheme of AABBA
- Concrete – A poem that is shaped to look like the subject of the poem
- Lyric – Shorter poems of intense feeling or emotion expressed in musical verse
- Haiku – A 3 line Japanese poem
- Narrative – A long poem that tells a story
- Free verse – Poetry that has no regular pattern of rhythm, rhyme, or line length

POETIC DEVICES

SOUND DEVICES

- Alliteration – Repeated consonant sounds at the beginning of a series of words
- Assonance – The repetition of vowel sounds in words near each other
- Onomatopoeia – Words that sound like what they mean
- Repetition – The use of any elements of language more than once

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

- Metaphor – A direct comparison between two dissimilar items
- Simile – A comparison between two dissimilar items using like or as
- Personification – Giving non-human things human characteristics
- Hyperbole – A deliberate exaggeration to make a point
- Imagery – Pictures in the mind of readers created by poets who use sensory language
- Symbol – Anything that represents something else
- Mood – The feelings created by the poem in a reader

STRUCTURES IN POETRY

- Stanza – Another word for verse paragraph; a cluster of lines in poetry
- Speaker – The person who “talks” in the poem
- Rhyme – The repetition of sounds at the ends of words
- Rhyme Scheme – The pattern of rhyme in a poem indicated with letters of the alphabet
- Meter – The rhythmical pattern “or beats” in a poem

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Be prepared to identify statements as one of the following on the test:

- Simile
- Metaphor
- Hyperbole
- Personification
- Alliteration
- Assonance
- Onomatopoeia
- Imagery

Be prepared to read and analyze a poem on the test. Be prepared to write a short answer response to a prompt about the poem. In that response, be prepared to identify the theme of the poem and explain how poetic devices are used in that poem. Be prepared to follow the A.C.E. protocol for open-ended writing responses.

POETRY UNIT TEST = TUESDAY, MAY 5
WORTH = 70 TEST POINTS