

# POETRY

- POETRY IS A FORM OF CREATIVE WRITING THAT EXPRESSES MEANING THROUGH CONCISE AND DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE
- THE POET EXPRESSES FEELINGS, EMOTIONS, AND THOUGHTS IN VERY FEW WORDS
- POEMS ARE WRITTEN IN LINES OR VERSES, AND STANZAS (PARAGRAPH)

## VOCABULARY/KEY TERMS

**FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE** – IT IS A SPECIAL WAY OF USING LANGUAGE WITH DEEPER MEANING – RELATE MEANING TO LIFE – EX. SIMILE, METAPHOR, PERSONIFICATION, AND ALLITERATION

**SIMILE** – IT IS A COMPARISON OF TWO THINGS USING “LIKE” OR “AS” – EX. GERALDO WITES LIKE WALTER DEAN MYERS,

**METAPHOR**- IT IS ANOTHER WAY TO COMPARE TWO THINGS USING THE HELPING OR LINKING VERB – “IS” OR “AM” – EX. GERALDO IS WALTER DEAN MYERS. 2. I AM A ROCK.

NOTE THAT IN SOME INSTANCES, THE COMPARISON IS IMPLIED.

**PERSONIFICATION** – IT IS THE POET’S WAY OF GIVING HUMAN QUALITIES TO ANIMALS, OBJECTS, AND IDEAS – EX. THE IDEA HAS LEGS

**ALLITERATION** – IT IS THE REPETITION OF CONSONANT SOUNDS AT THE WORDS IN A LINE – EX. SHE SELLS SEA SHELLS

**ONAMATOPOEIA** – IT IS THE USE OF WORDS WHOSE SOUND SUGGEST THEIR MEANING – EX. DING DONG

**ASSONANCE** – THIS IS THE REPETITION OF VOWEL SOUNDS – EX. SING, THINK, AND INK.

**HYPERBOLE** – THIS IS AN EXTREME EXAGGERATION OR OVERSTATEMENT THAT A WRITER USES FOR EMPHASIS – EX. MY BROTHER EXPLODED WHEN HE SAW THE DAMAGE TO HIS CAR.

**IRONY** – A WRITER USES A WORD OR PHRASE TO MEAN THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF ITS NORMAL MEANING – GERALDO SMILES ALL THE TIME, SO WE CALL HIM GRUMPY.

**SATIRE** – THIS IS USING HUMOR OR IRONY TO MAKE FUN OF PEOPLE’S HABITS OR IDEAS – EX. “THAT’S AN AWESOME GAME!” REMARKED THE SANDRO, AS THE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM SUFFERED ITS WORST DEFEAT TO THE GAVIN.