

Literary Terms – English 12 Provincial Exams: 2003 to 2016

[✓ = no. of times used as an option; **highlighted** terms are most likely to be the correct choice]

- Allegory ✓✓✓✓
- Alliteration ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Allusion ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Analogy ✓
- Anecdote ✓
- Apostrophe ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Assonance ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Antithesis ✓✓
- Cacophony ✓✓✓
- Characters
 - Flat ✓
 - Round ✓✓
 - Protagonist ✓
 - Dynamic ✓✓
 - Static ✓
- Conflict ✓✓✓✓✓
- Consonance ✓✓✓✓
- Contrast/Juxtaposition ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Didactic ✓✓
- Dilemma ✓✓✓
- Direct Presentation ✓✓✓✓
- Dissonance ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Euphemism ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Flashback ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Foreshadowing ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Frame Story ✓✓
- Hyperbole ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Imagery ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Indirect Presentation ✓✓✓✓✓
- Internal Rhyme ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Irony ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Language Types
 - Archaic ✓
 - Cliché ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Figurative vs. Literal ✓✓✓✓
 - Formal ✓✓
 - Idiom ✓✓
 - Jargon ✓✓✓✓✓
 - Sexist Language ✓
 - Stream of Consciousness ✓✓
 - Technical ✓
 - Colloquial/Slang/Dialect ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Metaphor & Extended Metaphor ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Metonymy ✓✓✓✓
- Onomatopoeia ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Oxymoron ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Parable ✓
- Paradox ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Parallel Structure ✓✓✓✓✓
- Parody ✓✓
- Personification ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Poem Type
 - Lyric ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Narrative ✓✓
 - Ballad ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Sonnet ✓✓✓✓
 - Ode ✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Elegy ✓✓✓✓
 - Monologue ✓✓✓✓✓
 - Free Verse ✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Blank Verse ✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Pastoral ✓✓
- Point of View
 - Objective ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Omniscient ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Limited Omniscient ✓✓✓✓✓
 - First Person ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Prose Type:
 - Fable ✓
 - Biography ✓
 - Personal Essay ✓✓
 - Descriptive Essay ✓
 - Expository Essay ✓✓
 - Narrative Essay ✓✓✓✓
 - Argumentative/Persuasive Essay ✓✓
 - Literary Essay ✓
- Pun ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Repetition ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Rhyme ✓✓✓✓
- Satire ✓✓✓✓
- Setting ✓✓✓
- Simile ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Stereotype ✓✓
- Stylistic Devices: Non-Fiction:
 - Analogy ✓✓✓✓✓✓
 - Anecdote ✓
 - Cause & Effect ✓✓✓✓
 - Statistics ✓✓
 - Expert Testimony ✓✓✓✓✓
 - Emotional Appeal/Pathos ✓✓✓✓
 - Compare & Contrast ✓✓
 - Rhetorical Question ✓
- Symbolism ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Theme ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Tone ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Understatement ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓

Previous Essay Topics:

- Dreams take us on journeys.
- Certain events change our impressions of life.
- Self-awareness leads to meaningful change.
- Our views of the past change as we mature.
- Role models influence our lives.
- The best gifts are the simplest ones.
- Confidence comes from the support of others.
- The lessons we learn when we are young prepare us for life.
- Each generation has something valuable to offer.
- Taking advantage of opportunities can be beneficial.
- Sometimes people are unable to control the directions their lives take.
- Forming meaningful connections may enrich lives.