

# Literary Terms – English 12 Provincial Exams: 2003 to 2018

[✓ = 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 ✓
- Climax/Anti-Climax ✓✓
- 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:

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