POETRY



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A type of literature that expresses ideas, feelings, or tells a story in a specific form (usually using lines and stanzas)

POINT OF VIEW IN POETRY

POET

The poet is the author The speaker of the of the poem.

SPEAKER

poem is the "narrator" of the poem.



POETRY FORM



- FORM the appearance of the words on the page
- LINE a group of words together on one line of the poem
- STANZA a group of lines arranged together

A word is dead When it is said, Some say.

I say it just
Begins to live
That day.

KINDS OF STANZAS

Couplet = a two line stanza

Triplet (Tercet) = a three line stanza

Quatrain = a four line stanza

Quintet = a five line stanza

Sestet (Sextet) = a six line stanza

Septet = a seven line stanza

Octave = an eight line stanza

SOUND EFFECTS



RHYTHM





- The beat created by the sounds of the words in a poem
- Rhythm can be created by meter, rhyme, alliteration and refrain.

METER



- ➤ A pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables.
- ➤ Meter occurs when the stressed and unstressed syllables of the words in a poem are arranged in a repeating pattern.
- When poets write in meter, they count out the number of stressed (strong) syllables and unstressed (weak) syllables for each line. They they repeat the pattern throughout the poem.





- FOOT unit of meter.
- A foot can have two or three syllables.
- Usually consists of one stressed and one or more unstressed syllables.

TYPES OF FEET

The types of feet are determined by the arrangement of stressed and unstressed syllables. (cont.)

METER cont.



TYPES OF FEET (cont.)

Iambic - unstressed, stressed

Trochaic - stressed, unstressed

Anapestic - unstressed, unstressed, stressed

Dactylic - stressed, unstressed, unstressed

METER cont.

Kinds of Metrical Lines

monometer = one foot on a line

dimeter = two feet on a line

trimeter = three feet on a line

tetrameter = four feet on a line

pentameter = five feet on a line

heptameter = seven feet on a line

octometer = eight feet on a line





- Dulike metered poetry, free verse poetry does NOT have any repeating patterns of stressed and unstressed syllables.
- Does NOT have rhyme.

- Free verse poetry is very conversational sounds like someone talking with you.
- A more modern type of poetry.



Written in lines of iambic pentameter, but does NOT use end rhyme.

from Julius Ceasar

Cowards die many times before their deaths;

The valiant never taste of death but once.

Of all the wonders that I yet have heard,

It seems to me most strange that men should fear;

Seeing that death, a necessary end, Will come when it will come.





Words sound alike because they share the same ending vowel and consonant sounds.

LAMP STAMP

- ↑ Share the short "a" vowel sound
- ↑ Share the combined "mp" consonant sound

(A word always rhymes with itself.)





A word at the end of one line rhymes with a word at the end of another line

Hector the Collector

Collected bits of *string*.

Collected dolls with broken heads

And rusty bells that would not *ring*.

INTERNAL RHYME



A word inside a line rhymes with another word on the same line.

Once upon a midnight <u>dreary</u>, while I pondered weak and <u>weary</u>.

From "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe





a.k.a imperfect rhyme, close rhyme

ROSE LOSE

The words share
EITHER the same
vowel or consonant
sound BUT NOT
BOTH

↑ Different vowel sounds (long "o" and "oo" sound)

↑ Share the same consonant sound

RHYME SCHEME



A rhyme scheme is a pattern of rhyme (usually end rhyme, but not always).

Use the letters of the alphabet to represent sounds to be able to visually "see" the pattern. (See next slide for an example.)



The Germ by Ogden Nash

A mighty creature is the germ, a Though smaller than the pachyderm. His customary dwelling place Is deep within the human race. His childish pride he often pleases By giving people strange diseases. Do you, my poppet, feel infirm? **a** You probably contain a germ.

ONOMATOPOEIA



Words that imitate the sound they are naming

BUZZ

OR sounds that imitate another sound

"The silken, sad, uncertain, rustling of each purple curtain . . ."

ALLITERATION



Consonant sounds repeated at the beginnings of words

If <u>Peter Piper picked</u> a <u>peck of pickled</u> <u>peppers, how many pickled peppers did <u>Peter Piper pick?</u></u>

CONSONANCE



Similar to alliteration EXCEPT . . .

The repeated consonant sounds can be anywhere in the words

"silken, sad, uncertain, rustling . . "

ASSONANCE



Repeated VOWEL sounds in a line or lines of poetry.

(Often creates near rhyme.)

Lake Fate Base Fade (All share the long "a" sound.)

ASSONANCE cont.

Examples of ASSONANCE:

"Slow the low gradual moan came in the snowing."

- John Masefield

"Shall ever medicine thee to that sweet sleep."

- William Shakespeare





- A sound, word, phrase or line repeated regularly in a poem.
- "Quoth the raven, 'Nevermore."



SOME TYPES OF POETRY WE WILL BE STUDYING



LYRIC



- A short poem
- Usually written in first person point of view
- Expresses an emotion or an idea or describes a scene
- Do not tell a story and are often musical
- (Many of the poems we read will be lyrics.)



HAIKU

A Japanese poem written in three lines

Five Syllables
Seven Syllables
Five Syllables

An old silent pond . . .

A frog jumps into the pond.

Splash! Silence again.



CINQUAIN

A five line poem containing 22 syllables

Two Syllables
Four Syllables
Six Syllables
Eight Syllables
Two Syllables

How frail

Above the bulk

Of crashing water hangs

Autumnal, evanescent, wan

The moon.



SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET

A fourteen line poem with a specific rhyme scheme.

The poem is written in three quatrains and ends with a couplet.

The rhyme scheme is abab cdcd efef gg

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

Thou art more lovely and more temperate.

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.

Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometimes declines,

By chance or nature's changing course untrimmed.

But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;

Nor shall Death brag thou wanderest in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.







- A poem that tells a story.
- Generally longer than the lyric styles of poetry b/c the poet needs to establish characters and a plot.

Examples of Narrative Poems

"The Raven"

"The Highwayman"

"Casey at the Bat"

"The Walrus and the
Carpenter"





In concrete poems, the words are arranged to create a picture that relates to the content of the poem.

Poetry Is like Flames. Which are Swift and elusive Dodging realization Sparks, like words on the Paper, leap and dance in the Flickering firelight. The fiery Tongues, formless and shifting Shapes, tease the imiagination. Yet for those who see, Through their mind's Eye, they burn Up the page.

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE



SIMILE



A comparison of two things using "like, as than," or "resembles."

"She is as beautiful as a sunrise."







A direct comparison of two unlike things

"All the world's a stage, and we are merely players."



- William Shakespeare





A metaphor that goes several lines or possible the entire length of a work.

IMPLIED METAPHOR



The comparison is hinted at but not clearly stated.

"The poison sacs of the town began to manufacture venom, and the town swelled and puffed with the pressure of it."



- from The Pearl
- by John Steinbeck

Hyperbole



Exaggeration often used for emphasis.

Litotes



Understatement - basically the opposite of hyperbole. Often it is ironic.

Ex. Calling a slow moving person "Speedy"

Idiom



An expression where the literal meaning of the words is not the meaning of the expression. It means something other than what it actually says.

Ex. It's raining cats and dogs.





An animal given human-like qualities or an object given life-like qualities.

from "Ninki" by Shirley Jackson

"Ninki was by this time irritated beyond belief by the general air of incompetence exhibited in the kitchen, and she went into the living room and got Shax, who is extraordinarily lazy and never catches his own chipmunks, but who is, at least, a cat, and preferable, Ninki saw clearly, to a man with a gun.

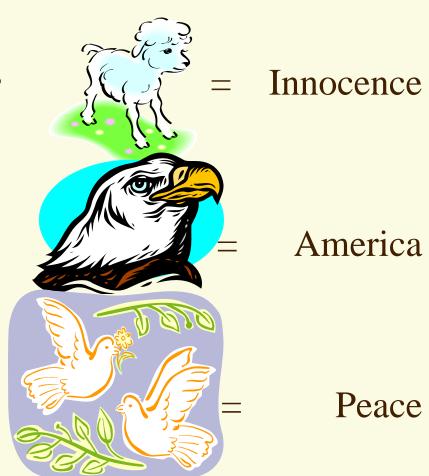
OTHER POETIC DEVICES



SYMBOLISM



When a person, place, thing, or event that has meaning in itself also represents, or stands for, something else.



Allusion



- Allusion comes from the verb "allude" which means "to refer to"
- An allusion is a reference to something famous.

A tunnel walled and overlaid

With dazzling crystal: we had read

Of rare Aladdin's wondrous cave,

And to our own his name we gave.

From "Snowbound"

John Greenleaf Whittier





- Language that appeals to the senses.
- Most images are visual, but they can also appeal to the senses of sound, touch, taste, or smell.

then with cracked hands that ached

from labor in the weekday weather . . .

from "Those Winter Sundays"

Parody

