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Literary Criticism
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Confusing Terms: The Good Distractors

Literary Terms: Structure, Melopoeia, Rhyme, Figures, Tropes, and Schemes

enjambment	run-on	end stop			
stanza					
alliteration	assonance				
assonance	consonance	dissonance	resonance		
RHYME	near (half/slant/oblique) rhyme		assonance	consonance	eye rhyme
compound	internal	leonine			
feminine	masculine	mosaic	heteromerous	broken	wrenched accent
METAPLASM	elision	apocope	syncope	paragoge	
		aphaeresis	metathesis	anaptyxis	excrecence
inversion	hyperbaton	anastrophe			
metaphor	simile	analogy			
MASTER TROPES		synecdoche	metonymy	metaphor	irony
IRONY	dramatic	tragic	verbal	situational	cosmic
			Socratic	accismus	
paradox	oxymoron	equivoque	pun	tautology	
ALLUSION	biblical	classical	historical	literary	topical
persona	speaker	putative author	implied author		
personification	anthropomorphism	reification	prosopopoeia	zoomorphism	
litotes	understatement	hyperbole			
colloquialism	idiom	cliché	jargon	neologism	dead metaphor
apostrophe	soliloquy	aside	harangue	flyting	stichomythia
haiku	senryu	tanka	katauta		
SONNETS	Petrarchan	Shakespearean	Miltonic	Spenserian	(English) (Italian)
		caudate	curtal	Anglo-Italian	
iamb	trochee	spondee	pyrrhic	anapest	dactyl
pseudonym	<i>nom de plume</i>	allonym	eponym	anonym	heteronym
Spoonerism	Wellerism	Malapropism	Gongorism		
MISCELLANEOUS	<i>roman à clef</i>	<i>carpe diem</i>	<i>Bildungsroman</i>		

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Master List of Terms Tested

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The first column details the year and test in which the term found in the second column is the a correct answer of an item in that particular test; the remaining four columns offer the distractors used in that particular test item.

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Please note that the variety of distractors and, indeed, the terms themselves follows the editorial decisions that have characterized each succeeding edition of *The Handbook to Literature*. We are currently using the twelfth edition.

→ While some of the distractors are found in earlier editions, tested terms are found in the twelfth edition. Please add, *envelope stanza*, *in memento mori*, *prolepsis*, *resonance*, and *sigmatism*

Use Control + F to find a term.

**Boldface terms in second column are the answers to *NOT* questions; e.g.,
Not a grammatical construction that involves the omission of a letter or a syllable is
[recently edited; editing ongoing]**

2024S	genre	abridgment	philology	synopsis	typology
2024S	metonymy	ambiguity	hypallage	onomatopoeia	synecdoche
2024S	Aristotelian criticism	cultural criticism	feminist criticism	formalist criticism	psychoanalytic criticism
2024S	Jeremiad	flyting	gasconade	harangue	Philippic
2024S	artificiality	absurd	bathos	carnavalesque	didactic
2024S	textual	allegorical	analogical	literal	moral
2024S	Satanic School	Cockney School	Frankfurt School	Geneva School	Spasmodic School
2024S	Nemesis	Calliope	Mnemosyne	Parnassus	Urania
2024S	blood and thunder	bob and wheel	cock and bull	storm and stress	sweetness and light
2024S	Bloomsbury Group	Bluestockings	Fugitives	Knickerbocker Group	Scriblerus Club
2024S	Grimm's Law	Baconian Theory	Freytag's Pyramid	Ockham's Razor	scribal error
2024S	Graces	Furies	Humors	Muses	Worthies
2024S	Fireside Poets	Hartford Wis	Knickerbocker Group	Muckrakers	New York School
2024S	hamartia	aporia	catharsis	hubris	peripeteia
2024S	incunabulum	chrestomathy	duodecimo	folio	quarto
2024S	agroikos	alazon	deuteronist	eiron	protagonist
2024S	Early Victorian Age	Modernist Period	Neoclassic Period	Postmodernist Period	Romantic Period
2024S	expatriate	exoticism	flyting	gnomic	homodyne
2024S	Naturalistic Symbolistic Per	Confessional Self	Postmodernist Period	Realistic Period	Romantic Period
2024S	metaphysical conceit	attemperation	diminishing metaphor	heaping figure	locus classicus
2024S	cloak and dagger	action adventure	cloak and sword	cock and bull	showing versus telling
2024S	syllepsis	analepsis	metonymy	synecdoche	tautology
2024S	topical allusion	classical allusion	historical allusion	musical allusion	political allusion
2024S	simile	antithesis	double entendre	metaphor	paradox
2024S	onomatopoeia	heteroglossia	resonance	syzygy	xenoglossia
2024S	liminality	aesthetic distance	luminism	meliorism	perspectivism
2024S	parallelism	ambiguity	chiasmus	reduplication	rhopal progression
2024S	polyptoton	allelograph	hypallage	parataxis	pleonasm
2024S	mythopoeia	concrete universal	melopoeia	metafiction	peripetia
2024S	symploce	anaphora	epanalepsis	epistrophe	tautology