AP English 4/DiMatteo

**AP Literary Terms**

These sets will be due on the first class period of every week, beginning on August 25. Words should be ***defined in your own language***, and you should attempt to use examples from our reading or with which you are familiar. Words in italics are literary movements and should be defined specifically as such; examples should include known works of the style.

1. Aesthetics

Allegory

Alliteration

Allusion

Anachronism

1. Anaphora

Anecdote

Antagonist

Anti-hero

Antimetabole/Chiasmus

1. Antithesis

Aphorism

Apostrophe (lit device!)

Archetype

Assonance/Consonance

1. Asyndeton/Polysyndeton

Attitude

Avant-garde

Ballad

Beat Generation

1. Bildungsroman

Blank verse

Braggadocio

Cacophony/Euphony

Cadence

1. Caesura

Canon

Caricature

Catastrophe

Catharsis

1. *Classicism*

Coda

Colloquialism

Conceit

Connotation/

Denotation

1. Convention

Couplet

Deus Ex Machina

Dialect

Dichotomy

1. Diction (in/formal)

Didactic

Diegesis

Dramatic monologue

Elegy

10. Enjambment

*Enlightenment*

Epic

Epigraph

Epigram

11. Epiphany

Epistolary

Exegesis

Exposition

Euphemism

12. Fallacy (intentional)

Farce

Foreshadowing

Frame Story

Free verse

13. *Gothic*

Hyperbole

Hubris

Idiom

Idyll

14. Imagery

In Medias Res

Irony

Jargon

Juxtaposition

15. Litotes

Lyric/al

Magic Realism

*Medieval*

Metaphor

16. Meter

Metonymy/

Synecdoche

Mimesis

*Modernism*

Mood

17. Motif

Narrative structure

*Naturalism*

Ode

Onomatopoeia

18. Oxymoron

Parable

Paradox

Parody

Parallelism

19. (literary)Parenthesis

Pastoral

Personification

Plot Structure

Point of View

20. Protagonist

Quatrain

*Realism*

Refrain

*Renaissance*

21. *Restoration*

Rhetoric

Rhyme

Rhythm

*Romanticism*

22. Satire

Scansion

Setting

Simile

Solecism

23. Soliloquy

Sonnet (Petrarchan, Spenserian, Shakespearean)

Stanza

Stereotype

Stock character

24. Stream of

Consciousness

Stress

Structure

Style

*Surrealism*

25. Syllogism

Symbolism

Synesthesia

Syntax

Theme

26. Tone

Tragedy

*Transcendentalism*

Verisimilitude

Vernacular

27. Verse

*Victorian*

Villanelle

Weltschmerz

Zeitgeist

**DO NOT SIMPLY COPY WHAT YOU SEE! Define the terms in your own words!!**

* http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/literature/bedlit/glossary\_a.htm
* http://www.virtualsalt.com/rhetoric.htm