

POETRY TERMS

Poetry: rhythmic expressions of thoughts and feelings

Stanza: a poem's paragraph

Rhyme: the repetition of the same sound in words at the end of the line in poetry

Rhyme scheme: pattern the rhyme follows in a poem

Three common rhyme schemes:

a	a	a
a	b	b
b	a	b
b	b	a

Characteristics of poems:

- small space
- word st meanings closely joined
- use rhyme and/or rhythm
- don't have to rhyme
- have mood and/or tone
- long or short
- tell a story / event / situation
- can have stanzas

Types of poems:

narrative	stair	shape	biography
limerick	ballad	sonnet	ode
haiku	acrostic	lyric	love
	nonsense	humorous	

Simile: comparison of two unlike things using like or as.

Metaphor: comparison of two unlike things NOT using like or as.

Hyperbole: exaggeration meant to produce an effect

Narrative poem: - a poem that tells a story

Alliteration: the repetition of sounds at the beginning of a word in a line of poetry (at least two words)

Cat
Car
kite

Assonance: the repetition of the same vowel sounds in words in a line of poetry (at least 2 words)

fat
bat

Consonance: the repetition of the same consonant sound in the middle or end of words in a line of poetry (at least 2 words)

dad
mad
pod

kettle
metal

Onomatopoeia: the use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning. Ex) beep, bark, meow, moo, boom

Imagery: figurative language and/or sound devices that create a picture in the reader's mind

Personification: the giving of human qualities to non-human things

Symbol: an object that shows an idea beyond itself
ex) the flag stands for United States

Mood: the feeling the author creates for the reader

Tone: the writer's attitude toward the audience and subject.

