

Literature Terms Test

Definitions

**a work of literature
that starts in the middle**

**the position from
which the events of a
story are related**

**inanimate objects are
given human
characteristics**

the struggle between
opposing forces

a character that is
diametrical to another
character

**two contradictory
words come together
for special effect**

**exaggeration in the
service of truth**

**the dictionary
definition of a word**

**a hint of what is to
come**

sound of a word
imitates or suggests its
meaning

**talk to something non-
human as if it was alive
and could reply**

a character that is one-
dimensional

**a reference to historical
or artistic things**

central idea in a piece
of writing or literary
work

**the resolution of the
plot**

**the emotional
associations
surrounding a word or
phrase**

the central character in a story

**the artful repetition of
the first letter/sound**

**emotional coloring, or
emotional meaning of a
work**

**comparison using “like”
or “as”**

any of the persons
involved in a story or
play

a character who
opposes the chief
character

language involving some
kind of incongruity or
discrepancy

Phillip is a giraffe

a statement that seems
to be self-contradictory
but has valid meaning

**the word choice an
author makes**

an image that stands for
itself and evokes an
abstract meaning

the point of highest
interest; the turning
point

**the sequence of events
in a story**

a literary form that tells
a story through speech
and actions of the
characters