

Poetry Quick Reference Guide:

Poetry Devices: Key Vocabulary

- Rhyme - words with the same ending sound.
- Rhyme Scheme - rhyming patterns of stanzas in a poem.
- Rhythm - the beat and flow of a poem.
- Repetition - words or lines repeated in a poem.
- Alliteration - a sentence or phrase where the majority of the words start with the same sound.
- Onomatopoeia - words that make the sound.
- Lines - a row of text in a poem.
- Stanza - a group of lines in a poem.

Types of Poetry

- Free Verse - a poem that is free of rules and patterns
- Diamante - a 7-line poem that uses nouns, verbs, and adjectives to compare and/or contrast two topics.
- Haiku - a 3-line poem that uses a certain number of syllables in each line.
- Limerick - A five line poem that uses a specific rhyme scheme and number of syllables in each line.
- Cinquain - a 5-line poem using nouns, verbs, and adjectives to describe a topic.
- Acrostic - a poem that uses the letters of a word to divide the lines of the poem.
- Bio-Poem - a poem that tells information about a person.

Poetic Devices: Figurative Language

- Simile - comparing two unlike things using the words "like" or "as."
- Metaphor - comparing two unlike things using the words "is" or "was."
- Personification - giving human (person) qualities to things that are no human.
- Hyperbole - an exaggeration
- Idiom - a word or phrase that means something different from the literal meaning.