

Tragedy- a drama in which the central character meets with disaster or great misfortune

Tragic Hero- dignified and courageous, but has a character flaw that brings about his/her downfall

Comic Relief- comic scenes or events that break up a serious play and show the humorous side of a dramatic theme

Allusion- reference to a statement, person, place, event from history in a literary work.

Dramatic Foil- a character who is used as a contrast to another character

Soliloquy- a speech in which a character, alone on stage, expresses his or her thoughts to the audience.

Monologue - a speech made by a character when others are still present on stage

Aside- a brief remark, unheard by other characters on stage, from a character to the audience.

Blank Verse- poetry written in unrhymed iambic pentameter

Iambic Pentameter- line of poetry that contains five iambs (one unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable)

Figurative Language- language that communicates ideas beyond the literal meanings of words.

Dramatic Irony-when a reader or audience knows something important that a character does not know.

Pun-a play on the multiple meanings of words