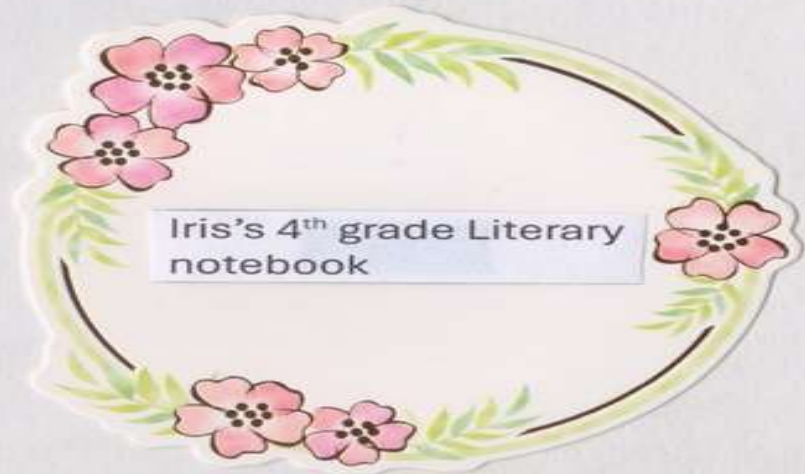


Literary Techniques



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Simile

Definition: a comparison between two different things using the words "as" or "like"

examples:

The great waves rose like mountains of glass.

Metaphor

Definition: a figure of speech in which one thing, idea, or action is referred to by a word or expression normally meaning another thing, idea, or action.

example: The world is a stage.

Alliteration

Definition: The repetition of the same sound in any sequence of neighboring words.

Example: Gorgeous green gables

Point of View

definition: the vantage point from which the writer has chosen to tell the story.

- first person means that the person telling the story is a main character in the story.
- third person means that a narrator tells the story and is not a character in the story.

Repetition

definition: The deliberate use of any element of language more than once.

- sound
- word
- phrase
- sentence
- grammatical pattern
- rhythmical pattern

Example:

"Amitabha"

Symbolism

definition: a person, action, place, or object that has both a meaning in itself and stands for something larger than itself such as a quality, attitude, belief, or value.

Example:

- Spring is a symbol of a fresh start, time of growth.
- Crown is symbol of royalty

Allusion

definition: a reference to a mythological, literary, or historical person, place, or thing.

Examples: Shirley Temple in *The year of the bear* and Jackie Robinson

Personification

definition: a kind of metaphor that gives inanimate objects or abstract ideas human characteristics.

Examples:

"A lone maple shivered in the wind..."

"The paper lanterns are dancing in the willows..."

- In the year of the bear and Jackie Robinson

Foreshadowing

Definition: The author's deliberate use of hints and suggestions to give a preview of events or themes that do not develop until later in a narrative.

Hyperbole

Definition: An excessive overstatement or exaggeration of a fact

Examples:

"My backpack weighs a ton!"

Idiom

Definition: A common expression that has a meaning that differs from its literal meaning.

Examples:

"It's raining cats and dogs."

M: It's raining very hard

"The test was a piece of cake."

M: The test was super easy

"She spilled the beans!"

M: She told the secret

Onomatopoeia

Definition: The use of words like "POP", "HISS", "BONG", "SPLASH", etc., in which the spoken sound represents the actual sound.

Tone

Definition: The general feeling or atmosphere created in a story or the author's or narrator's attitude toward the story or subject.

~~Distancing~~

Imagery

Definition: Language that brings to mind sensory impressions

A representation of something that can be experienced or understood through the senses
"fluttering of wings and faint sweet pipes"

Adage

Definition: a traditional saying that includes a common observation or truth

"The early bird gets the worm."

Proverbs

Definition: a popular saying that contains advice.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

"A penny saved is a penny earned."

Irony - a contradiction in words or actions. The contrast between the way things are expected to be and the way they are.

3 types:

1.) Dramatic Irony:

when the reader or audience knows more than the character involved. *Mary asking who's dressing right

2.) Situational Irony

when the outcome of a situation is the opposite of what's expected. *A diver drowning in the bathtub.

3.) Verbal Irony

when the words used to convey a meaning are opposite of their literal meaning. *cake as soft as concrete.

Flash back

the description of an event that occurred prior to the action in the story.

Cliché

An expression or idea that's over used.

* can be an idiom, simile, or metaphor

"Cat got your tongue?"

"Turn over a new leaf"

"Fit as a fiddle"

Oxymoron

a phrase where two words contradict and don't go together.

- clearly misunderstood
- Soft rock
- Freezer burn
- wise fool
- same difference
- jumbo shrimp
- ear breakingly silent

Pun

a play on words or ^{humorous} use of words.

span ... on the ...
but ... path

Sarcasm

A form of verbal irony. Obvious from the speaker's tone or the context of the story, the speaker means the opposite of what is said.