

Figurative Language



TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Expressionism



- a 20th century movement in literature characterized by distortion of reality and the use of symbols to give objective expression to inner experience

Simile



- Direct comparison between two unlike things using the terms *like* or *as*

Metaphor



- Indirect comparison between two unlike things that does not use the terms *like* or *as*

Onomatopoeia



- Word that imitates the natural sound that an object makes

Alliteration



- A series of words in a row or close to each other that start with the same consonant letter or same sound

Personification



- Type of metaphor that gives lifelike characteristics to an inanimate object or human traits to something non-human

Allusion



- Reference to something that conjures up ideas of something else

Exact verbs



- Descriptive, vivid verbs that show specific actions
- Avoid “be” verbs as much as possible

Precise adjectives



- Fresh, specific adjectives that create imagery
- Avoid overused terms
 - Beautiful
 - Large
 - Nice

Specific nouns



- Very precise, descriptive nouns

Hyperbole



- Extreme exaggeration