## Some Poetic Devices from Vocabulary.com

<u>allegory</u> a short moral story

alliteration use of the same consonant at the beginning of each word

<u>allusion</u> passing reference or indirect mention

antagonist someone who offers opposition

**assonance** the repetition of similar vowels in successive words

connotation an idea that is implied or suggestedconsonance the property of sounding harmonious

figurative not literal

**foreshadowing** the act of providing vague advance indications

<u>hyperbole</u> extravagant exaggeration

<u>imagery</u> the ability to form mental pictures of things or events

<u>irony</u> incongruity between what might be expected and what occurs

<u>literal</u> limited to the explicit meaning of a word or text

metaphor a figure of speech that suggests a non-literal similarity

A **synesthetic metaphor** is a **metaphor** that crosses different senses to describe one entity in terms of another. For example, one might refer to a vibrant color as "loud" or a pleasant smell as

"sweet."

mood a characteristic state of feeling

metonymy substituting the name of a feature for the name of the thing

onomatopoeia using words that imitate the sound they denote - Boom, bang, crash

oxymoron conjoined contradictory termsparadox a statement that contradicts itself

personification attributing human characteristics to abstract ideas
plot a small area of ground covered by specific vegetation
point of view a mental position from which things are perceived

<u>protagonist</u> the principal character in a work of fiction

<u>pun</u> a humorous play on words

**repetition** the act of doing or performing again

<u>rhyme</u> correspondence in the final sounds of two or more lines<u>rhythm</u> an interval during which a recurring sequence occurs

satire witty language used to convey insults or scorn

setting the physical position of something

simile a figure of speech expressing a resemblance between things - uses like or as

<u>syllable</u> a unit of spoken language larger than a phoneme <u>symbol</u> something visible that represents something invisible

<u>synecdoche</u> using part of something to refer to the whole thing ("set of wheels" - car)

<u>theme</u> the subject matter of a conversation or discussion

tone the distinctive property of a complex sound