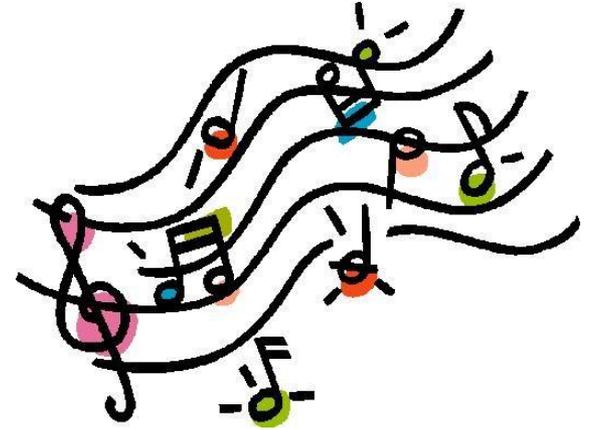


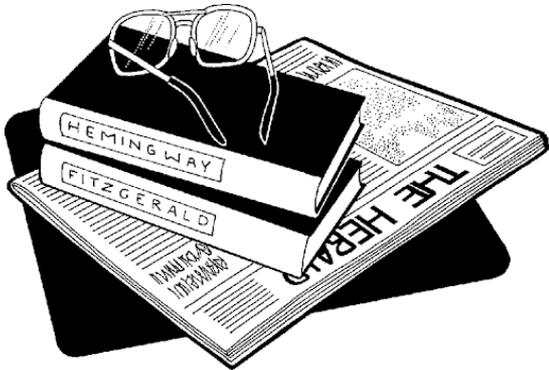
# Literary Devices

**Music and Its Meaning, part 2**

Let's Do a Quick Review!

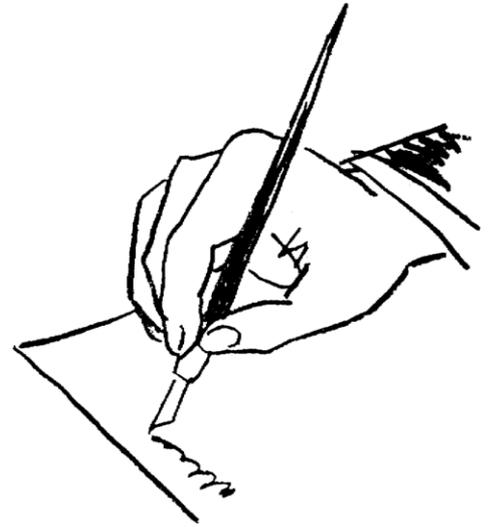


Can anyone define **literary device**?



# What is a Literary Device?

**Literary devices** are tools and techniques used by authors in poems, songs, speeches, and other forms of writing to enhance their work and express their ideas.



# What is a Literary Device?

These devices serve a wide range of purposes in literature.

Some might work on an **intellectual level**, while others have a more **emotional effect**. They may also work subtly to improve the **flow** and **pacing** of the piece of writing.

# Let's Review!

Can anyone recall the **five literary devices** we learned about last time?



- 1) Alliteration
- 2) Anaphora
- 3) Rhyme
- 4) Simile
- 5) Metaphor

## Some famous examples of literary devices include:

- Sally sold seashells by the seashore.
- He's as blind as a bat.
- The fat cat sat on the mat.

Before we start, can you **identify** what devices are used here?

We learned about them last time!

# Some famous examples of literary devices include:

- Sally sold seashells by the seashore. **ALLITERATION**
- He's as blind as a bat. **SIMILE**
- The fat cat sat on the mat. **RHYME**

Let's learn some more!

# Allusion

## Definition:

When a piece of writing refers to a person, place, thing, literature, event, or art with the expectation of the reader to understand it.

## Examples:

Chocolate is his **Kryptonite**. ('Kryptonite' refers to Superman's only weakness)

He's smart like **Einstein**. (Einstein is a famous scientist)



## Allusion - “Devil In a New Dress” by Kanye West



“Hood phenomenon, the Lebron of rhyme  
Hard to be humble when you stuntin' on a jumbotron”

What popular culture figure is used as an **allusion** in these lyrics?

# Allusion - “Devil In a New Dress” by Kanye West



“Hood phenomenon, the **Lebron** of rhyme  
Hard to be humble when you stuntin' on a jumbotron”

“**Lebron**” is an allusion to LeBron James, a famous basketball player.



Discuss in your groups:

What does Kanye West *mean*  
by “the **Lebron** of rhyme”?

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Lebron is one of the all-stars  
of basketball, so Kanye is  
calling himself an all-star of  
music/rhyme.

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# Personification

## Definition:

When we give human qualities to something that is *not* human.

## Examples:

Lightning **danced** across the sky.

The kettle **screamed**.

The piece of cake was **calling my name**.



# Personification - “Thriller” by Michael Jackson



“You try to scream but terror takes the sound before you make it  
You start to freeze as horror looks you right between the eyes,  
You're paralyzed”

Can you identify two examples of **personification** in these lyrics?

# Personification - “Thriller” by Michael Jackson



“You try to scream but **terror takes** the sound before you make it  
You start to freeze as **horror looks** you right between the eyes,  
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Since ‘terror’ and ‘horror’ are not animate objects, they cannot *actually* ‘take’ or ‘look.’ These verbs **personify** them.

Identify the personification in the following example:

The flowers were begging for  
water.

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The flowers were **begging** for  
water.

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Obviously, flowers can not actually beg!

# Onamnapia

## Definition:

A word from a sound associated with what it is named.

## Examples:

The speaker **boomed**.

The frying pan **sizzled**.

**Bam!** The player hit the ball out of the park.



# Onamoniapia - “Super Bass” by Nicki Minaj



“Boy you got my heartbeat runnin' away

Beating like a drum and it's coming your way

Can't you hear that

Boom, badoom, boom, boom, badoom, boom, bass?

He got that super bass

Boom, badoom, boom, boom, badoom, boom, bass”

What words are **onamoniapias** in these lyrics?

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Talk to your group & think of  
two examples of an  
onamonia.

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# Assonance

## Definition:

The repetition of the same or similar vowel sounds within words, phrases, or sentences.

## Example:

Ben sells them the smelly pet food. (the “eh” sound!)



## Assonance - “Lose Yourself” by Eminem



“What he wrote down, the whole crowd goes so loud  
He opens his mouth, but the words won't come out  
He's chokin', how, everybody's jokin' now”

What sound makes up the **assonance** here?

## Assonance - “Lose Yourself” by Eminem



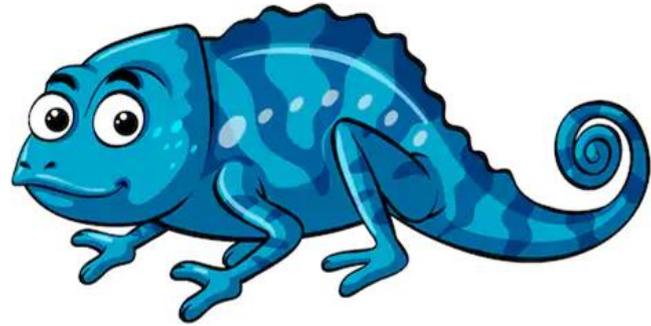
“What he wrote down, the whole crowd goes so loud  
He opens his mouth, but the words won't come out  
He's chokin', how, everybody's jokin' now”

The “**oh**” sound makes up the **assonance**.

Can anyone give another  
example of assonance?

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# Consonance



## Definition:

The repetition of consonant sounds in a sentence or phrase. A consonant sound is a *non-vowel* sound.

## Examples:

The **z**oo was **amazing**, especially the **lizards** and chimpan**z**ees. (the “z” sound)

She stood **d** in the field **d** and laugh**ed**. (the “d” sound)

## Consonance - “Single Ladies” by Beyonce



“I need no permission, did I mention  
Don’t pay him any attention”

Can you identify what words contain the **consonance**?

# Consonance - “Single Ladies” by Beyonce



“I need no permis**sion**, did I ment**tion**

Don’t pay him any atten**tion**”

The “**shun**” sound makes up the consonance.

A tip to remember the difference between assonance and consonance:

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## A tip:

Assonance starts with ‘a’  
(which is a *vowel*) and  
works with *vowel* sounds.

Consonance starts with a  
‘c’ (which is a *consonant*)  
and works with *consonant*  
sounds.

Let's review! Can you tell me  
what literary device is used in  
these examples?

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The pan clashed to the  
ground.

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The pan **clashed** to the  
ground.

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Onamonapia

The slimy snake slithered.

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The slimy snake slithered.

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Alliteration

The fat man had a blast at the  
mall.

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The fat man had a blast at the  
mall.

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Assonance

The man was tall and loved to  
play basketball.

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The man was **tall** and loved to  
play **basketball**.

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Rhyme