## **Unit 1 Literary Terms**

Word	Definition
Archetype	A character, symbol, story pattern, or other
	element that is common to human experience
	across cultures and that occurs frequently in
	literature, folklore, and myth
Imagery	Descriptive or figurative language used to create
	word pictures; imagery is created by details that
	appeal to one or more of the five senses
Details	In writing, evidence (facts, statistics, examples) that
	support the topic sentence
Setting	The time and place in which a narrative occurs
Point of View	The perspective from which a story is told. In first
	person point of view, the teller is a character in the
	story telling what he or she knows. In third person
	point of view, the narrator is someone outside the
	story
Conflict	A struggle between opposing forces. An external
	conflict occurs when a character struggles with an
	outside source, such as another character or
	something in nature. An internal conflict occurs
	when a character struggles with his or her own
	needs, desires, or emotions
Mood	The overall emotional quality of a work, which is
	created by the author's language and tone and the
	subject matter
Protagonist	The central character in a work of literature, the
	one who is involved in the main conflict of the plot
Plot	The sequence of related events that make up a
	story or novel
Pacing	The amount of time a writer gives to describing

each event and developing each stage in the plot  Epic A long narrative poem about the deeds of heroes or gods  Tone A writer's or speaker's attitude towards a subject  Diction A writer's or speaker's choice of words  Denotation The exact, literal meaning of a word  Connotation The suggested or implied meaning or emotion associated with a word, beyond its literal definition  Nuance A subtle difference or distinction in meaning  Definition Essay A type of expository writing that explains, or defines, what a topic means  Allegory A story in which the characters, objects, or actions have a meaning beyond the surface of the story  Formal Style Academic writing that shows care and appropriate language  Informal Style Writing that is not necessarily meant to be academic  Coherence The clear and orderly presentation of ideas in a paragraph or essay  A sentence, in the introduction of essay, that states the writer's position or opinion on the topic of the essay		
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