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Useful Terms for Literary Discussion

narrator	• denouement
voice	• dilemma
point of view	• ending
style	• exposition
character, characterization	• falling action
dialog	• flashback
setting	• <i>in medias res</i>
tone	• main, minor, subplot, double, parallel
irony	• mystery
allegory	• protagonist
allusion	• resolution
apostrophe	• rising action
assonance	• story
ballad	• surprise
character, characterization	• suspense
conflict	• time sequence, chronology
diction, denotation, connotation	• (plot) twist
form	•
genre	refrain
imagery	rhyme
irony	rhyme scheme
metaphor	rhythm
meter	scansion
metonymy	scene
onomatopoeia	setting
overstatement, hyperbole	simile
paradox	sonnet
paraphrase	suspension of disbelief
personification	stanza
plot	symbol, symbolism
• antagonist	synecdoche
• anticlimax	synesthesia
• artistic unity	theme
• climax	understatement, litotes
• complication	
• conclusion	
• crisis	

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