

Literary Elements

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We are using this video on Youtube - the link is on the class website:
“How to Use Literary Elements to Improve Writing” (Self Publishing School)

<i>Element</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Example</i>
Allusion	References a person, place, or thing in the real world. Helps to connect the reader to the story.	
Diction	The way an author chooses to write for a specific audience.	
Alliteration	The use of similar consonants right after each other.	
Allegory	Ideas are explained using characters, events, or other ideas.	
Colloquialism	Expressions, words, and phrases that are used in everyday speech.	
Euphemism	Any terms that refer to something that is considered impolite.	
Flashbacks	Going back in time to give more context for the story.	

Foreshadowing	Giving hints and clues of what will happen in the story.	
Imagery	Visually descriptive or figurative language - showing rather than telling through words.	
Personification	Giving human characteristics to non-human things.	
Juxtaposition	Putting contrasting elements next to each other in order to amplify both of them.	
Metaphor/Simile	Comparisons used to help the reader picture or understand something better. (Metaphor is a direct statement, Simile includes 'like' or 'as')	
Onomatopoeia	A word used to describe a sound.	
Symbolism	The use of an element or situation to represent something bigger or more serious.	
Tone	How the narrator's thoughts/feelings are communicated to the reader.	