RHETORICAL/LITERARY/LANGUAGE DEVICES
*Literary Devices can fit into multiple categories (Repetition: Sound Device & Structure)

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

SIMILES (uses like or as)
METAPHORS (comparison w/out *like* or *as*)
PERSONIFICATION (human quality to nonhuman thing)
HYPERBOLE (over exaggeration)
ANALOGY (comparing two unlike things)
OXYMORON (pairing of two opposite words: cold/fire)
ALLUSION (reference to some)

3RD PERSON LIMITED (Limited to 1 character)

DIALOGUE (conversation)

ANECDOTES (short stories/examples to support a point)

PARALLELISM (similar grammatical structure: we came, we saw, we conquered)

ANTITHESIS (opposite ideas beside each other)

JUXTAPOSITION (two elements placed beside each other for dramatic/ironic contrast)

REPETITION (repeating a word or phrase)

REFRAIN (a line or group of lines that repeat in a poem/song)

RHYME SCHEME (Pattern of end rhyme: ABABCC or ABBA)

STANZA (group of lines in poetry)

COUPLET (two lines that rhyme: AA)

SYNTAX (sentence structure)

RHETORICAL QUESTIONS (a question asked to emphasize a point; the question might have obvious answer)

PARADOX (a statement that appears to be contradictory but upon reflection makes sense)

METER (the rhythmic structure of a poem)

SETTING (time, place, weather, season)

DICTION/WORD CHOICE

DICTION (Word Choice: formal/informal, colloquial & slang, abstract/concrete, poetic, descriptive, lyrical, etc. List of Words to Describe Diction

DENOTATION (dictionary/literal definition)

CONNOTATION (meaning that is implied by a word, beyond its dictionary definition: Wall Street= wealth & power, "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" Summer's Day= beauty, perfection, warmth, stress free

DIALECT (the way we speak: Y'all, cause, ain't, ask'n)

PUN (play on words: my heart is too sore to soar above the clouds)

	DRAMATIC IRONY (the audience knows something the character doesn't) SITUATIONAL IRONY (the opposite of what you expect in a situation: someone dies on their birthday)