

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE TERMS

Assonance

Allegory

Alliteration

Allusion

Ambiguity

Anachronism

Analogy

Anaphora

Antithesis

Apostrophe

Appeals

Archetype

Aside

Asyndeton

Blank verse

Cacophony

Caesura

Catharsis

Character/

(FLAT, ROUND)

Characterization

Claim

Colloquial

Comedy

Conceit

Conflict

Connotation

Consonance

Diction

Denotation

Dialect

***Dues ex
machine***

Dystopia

Elegy

Epigram

Epilogue

Epithet

**Extended
metaphor**

Euphony

Fable

Farce

Flashback

Foil

**Formal
diction**

Foreshadowing

Frame story

Free verse

Hubris

Hyperbole

lambic

pentameter

Imagery

In Medias

Res

**Informal
diction**

**Internal
rhyme**

Inversion

Irony

(COSMIC, DRAMATIC, SITUATIONAL,
VERBAL)

malapropism

**Matriarchal
society**

metaphor

metonymy

motif

**narrative
structure**

Nemesis

Ode

Onomatopoeia

Oxymoron

Pantomime

parable

Paradox

Paralysis

Parallelism

Parody

**Pastoral
setting**

**Pathetic
fallacy**

Pathos

**patriarchal
society**

Periodic structure

Personification

**Poetic
justice**

Prologue

Protagonist

Puns

Point of View

Realism

Rhetoric

Rite of passage

Sarcasm

Satire

Setting

Shift

Simile

Symbol

Soliloquy

Sonnet

Style

Synecdoche

Syntax

Theme

Tone

Tragedy

**Tragic flaw/
hamartia**

Verisimilitude