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### Vocabulary for Literary Terms

1. allegory a short moral story (often with animal characters) that has symbolic or sometimes hidden meaning \_\_\_\_\_
2. character witness a witness who testifies under oath as to the good reputation of another person in the community where that person lives \_\_\_\_\_
3. connotative having the power of implying or suggesting something *in addition* to what is explicit \_\_\_\_\_
4. dialogue a conversation between two persons \_\_\_\_\_
5. drama a dramatic work intended for performance by actors on a stage \_\_\_\_\_
6. explicit precisely and clearly expressed or readily observable; leaving nothing to implication \_\_\_\_\_
7. figurative (used of the meanings of words or text) not literal; using figures of speech \_\_\_\_\_
8. film noir a movie that is marked by a mood of pessimism, fatalism, menace, and cynical characters \_\_\_\_\_
9. flashback a transition (in literary or theatrical works or films) to an earlier event or scene that interrupts the normal chronological development of the story \_\_\_\_\_
10. genre a kind of literary or artistic work \_\_\_\_\_
11. hero someone who fights for a cause \_\_\_\_\_
12. heroine the main good female character in a work of fiction \_\_\_\_\_
13. humor a message whose ingenuity or verbal skill or incongruity has the power to evoke laughter \_\_\_\_\_
14. implicit implied though not directly expressed; inherent in the nature of something; something that can be inferred \_\_\_\_\_
15. irony incongruity between what might be expected and what actually occurs \_\_\_\_\_
16. literal limited to the explicit meaning of a word or text \_\_\_\_\_
17. monologue a (usually long) dramatic speech by a single actor \_\_\_\_\_
18. mood a characteristic (habitual or relatively temporary) state of feeling \_\_\_\_\_
19. perspective a way of regarding situations or topics etc. \_\_\_\_\_
20. point of view a mental position from which things are viewed \_\_\_\_\_
21. preconceived notion an opinion formed beforehand without adequate evidence \_\_\_\_\_
22. satire witty language used to convey insults or scorn \_\_\_\_\_
23. setting time, location, and background in which a story or scene occurs \_\_\_\_\_
24. symbolism the practice of investing things with symbolic meaning \_\_\_\_\_
25. theme the subject matter of a conversation or discussion \_\_\_\_\_
26. tone the perspective or attitude *that the author adopts* with regards to a specific character, place or development (the "mood" of an author's work). \_\_\_\_\_
27. writing style a style of expressing one's self in writing \_\_\_\_\_