

Appendix F2: Common Characteristics and Literary Devices of Selected Text Forms

Text Form	Common characteristics			Literary devices which may be used in more than one text form	
Drama/Plays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • act • action • aside • chorus • comic relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dialogue/voice • monologue • prologue • scene • screenplay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • script • soliloquy • stage directions • tragedy • tragic hero 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alliteration • allusion • antagonist • atmosphere • climax • conflict • connotation • denotation • diction • figurative language • flashback • foreshadowing • hyperbole • imagery • irony • juxtaposition • message 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • metaphor • mood • paradox • parallel structure • personification • point of view • purpose • protagonist • satire • setting • simile • speaker • stereotype • suspense • symbol • theme • tone
Short Story/Narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • anticlimax • character • conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • denouement • exposition • falling action • narrator • plot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resolution • rising action • subplot • suspense 		
Poetry (ballad, elegy, epic, free verse, blank verse, lyric, narrative, ode, sonnet, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allegory • assonance • cacophony • chorus • consonance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • couplet • diction • euphony • extended metaphor • feet • iambic pentameter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • line • onomatopoeia • repetition • rhyme/rhythm • stanza • verse 		
Non-fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • argumentation • conclusion • description • introduction • objective perspective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opinion • organization (coherence, unity) • persuasion • structure (cause/effect, generalization/examples, problem/solution, procedural, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subjective perspective • supporting evidence (charts, facts, graphs, quotes, statistics, etc.) • thesis statement • topic sentence 		
Other literary devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allegory • analogy • cliché • comparison • composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complication • context • contrast • dominant impression • epiphany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fallacy • motif • narrator 		