**Make a Glossary of Literature Interpretation Vocabulary**

CCSSR4—expand academic vocabulary.

The vocabulary of reading that students use each week should include transferrable terms that students apply to explain their interpretations of passages and poems. The following words were identified in NWEA requirements.

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* To develop full comprehension of these terms, students can locate or make up examples that show their meaning.
* The charts are set up with two columns so that you can turn them into activities in which students provide examples for the terms.
* Add more academic terms to help your students read thoughtfully.

| **Literature Term** | **EXAMPLE** |
| --- | --- |
| alliteration  |  |
| analogy |  |
| anecdote |  |
| anthology |  |
| antithesis |  |
| aphorism |  |
| archetype |  |
| assonance |  |
| author’s purpose |  |
| chapter |  |
| characteristics |  |
| characterization |  |
| cliché |  |
| climax |  |
| colloquialism |  |
| conclusion |  |
| conflict |  |
| connotation |  |
| consonance |  |
| context |  |
| detail |  |
| dialogue  |  |
| diary |  |
| drama |  |
| emotion |  |
| entertain |  |
| evaluate |  |
| event  |  |
| evidence |  |
| exaggeration |  |
| example |  |
| excerpt |  |
| exposition (fiction) |  |
| fable |  |
| fairy tale  |  |
| falling action |  |
| fantasy |  |
| feeling |  |
| fiction |  |
| fictional  |  |
| figurative language |  |
| figure of speech |  |
| first person  |  |
| flashback  |  |
| folk tale |  |
| foreshadowing |  |
| genre |  |
| historical fiction |  |
| humor  |  |
| hyperbole |  |
| iambic pentameter |  |
| idiom  |  |
| illustration  |  |
| image |  |
| imagery |  |
| irony |  |
| legend |  |
| literary device  |  |
| literary element |  |
| literature |  |
| make-believe |  |
| main character |  |
| metaphor  |  |
| meter |  |
| minor detail |  |
| mood |  |
| moral |  |
| myth |  |
| narrate |  |
| narrative  |  |
| narrator  |  |
| novel |  |
| nursery rhyme |  |
| omniscient  |  |
| onomatopoeia  |  |
| order of events |  |
| oxymoron |  |
| parable |  |
| paradox |  |
| paragraph  |  |
| parallelism |  |
| passage  |  |
| pathetic fallacy |  |
| phrase |  |
| play |  |
| plot  |  |
| poem |  |
| poet |  |
| poetry |  |
| point of view |  |
| predict |  |
| problem and solution |  |
| pun |  |
| qualities |  |
| repetition |  |
| resolution  |  |
| resolve |  |
| rhyme  |  |
| rhythm |  |
| riddle |  |
| rising action |  |
| satire |  |
| scansion |  |
| scene |  |
| second person |  |
| secondary source |  |
| selection  |  |
| senses  |  |
| sentence |  |
| sequence |  |
| setting  |  |
| short story  |  |
| simile |  |
| sonnet |  |
| stanza |  |
| structure |  |
| summarize |  |
| summary  |  |
| support  |  |
| suspense |  |
| symbol |  |
| symbolism |  |
| symbolize |  |
| synecdoche |  |
| tale |  |
| tall tale |  |
| theme |  |
| third person |  |
| third person objective |  |
| third person omniscient |  |
| title |  |
| title page |  |
| tone |  |
| trait |  |
| viewpoint |  |
| voice |  |
| word play |  |
| world literature |  |