

AP Language Vocabulary

AP Language Key Terminology:

ad hominem argument, allegory, allusion, ambiguity, analogy, aphorism, apostrophe, atmosphere, clause, colloquial, conceit, connotation, denotation, diction, didactic, euphemism, extended metaphor, figurative language, figure of speech, genre, homily, hyperbole, imagery, infer/inference, invective, verbal irony, situational irony, dramatic irony, loose sentence, metaphor, metonymy, mood, narrative, onomatopoeia, oxymoron, paradox, parallelism, parody, pedantic, periodic sentence, personification, point of view, predicate adjectives, predicate nominatives, prose, repetition, rhetoric, rhetorical modes, rhetorical question, sarcasm, satire, simile, style, subject complement, subordinate clause, syllogism, symbol/symbolism, syntax, theme, thesis, tone, transition, understatement, hyperbole, wit

Terms for the essay section -- AP Language exam:

attitude, concrete detail, descriptive detail, devices, language, narrative devices, narrative technique, persuasive devices, persuasive essay, resources of language, rhetorical features, sentence structure, stylistic devices

The following are all from The Elements of Style, Part IV: *Words and expressions Commonly Misused*:

aggravate/irritate; all right; allude; allusion; alternate/alternative; among/between; and/or; anticipate; anybody; anyone; as good or better than; as to whether; as yet, being, but, can, case, certainly, character, claim, clever, compare, comprise, contact, cope, consider, currently

AP Literature Key Terminology: allegory, alliteration, allusion, anaphora, anecdote, antagonist, antithesis, apostrophe, archetype, assonance, asyndeton, attitude, ballad, ballad stanza, blank verse, caesura, caricature, chiasmus, colloquial, complication, conceit, connotation, consonance, couplet, climax (turning point), dactylic, denotation, dialect, diction, dramatic monologue (soliloquy), elegy, enjambment, epic, exposition, extended metaphor (conceit), falling action (denouement), farce, foreshadowing, formal diction, flashback, free verse, genre, hyperbole, iambic, imagery, informal diction, in media res, irony, jargon, juxtaposition, limited point of view, litote, loose sentence, lyric, message, metaphor, meter, metonymy, mood, narrative structure, narrator/persona/speaker, occasional poem, epithalamium, ode, omniscient point of view, overstatement, oxymoron, parable, paradox, parody, parallel structure, pastoral, periodic sentence, persona, personification, Petrarchan sonnet, plot, protagonist, quatrain, realism, refrain, rising action, rhyme, rhythm, sarcasm, satire, scansion, setting, Shakespearean sonnet, shaped verse, simile, soliloquy, speaker, stanza, stereotype, stock character, structure, style, symbolism, synecdoche, syntax, terza rima, theme, tone, tragedy, troche, turning point, villanelle, voice, couplet, tercet, quatrain, cinquain, sestet, heptatich, octave, trimeter, tetrameter, pentameter, hexameter

Grammar terms: Transitive verb, intransitive verb, irregular verb, regular verb, case, person, number, indefinite pronouns, possessive pronouns, reflexive pronouns, objective pronouns, subjective (nominative) pronouns, limiting modifier, concrete noun, gerund, participle, predicate, predicate adjective, predicate nominative, declarative (indicative) sentence, imperative sentence, exclamatory sentence, interrogative sentence, interjection, positive degree, comparative degree, superlative degree, elliptical clause