

acronym	a word formed from initial letters of several words in a name
alliteration	use of same consonant at the beginning of each stressed syllable in each line of the verse
anecdote	short story of an amusing or interesting event
annotated bibliography	a bibliography that includes brief explanations or notes for each reference
anthology	a book or other collection of selected writings by various authors usually in the same literary form or on the same subject
argument	an oral disagreement
assumption	a belief or statement taken for granted without proof
autobiography	story of a person's life written by that person
book review	an article describing and judging a new book based on opinion
British literature	literature that is related to the United Kingdom: England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

brochure	a booklet or pamphlet that contains descriptive information or advertising
catalog	to list, enter into a list; a list or collection
chronological order	the order in which events happen in time.
climax	Turning point. Most exciting moment of the story.
conclude	to bring to an end
context	words, events, or circumstances that help determine meaning
conversation	a discussion that switches from one person to another; a discussion that "turns back and forth"
dialogue	the lines spoken by characters in drama or fiction
diary	a personal, daily account of an individual's experiences and feelings
draft	preliminary version of a written work

editorial	an article giving opinions or perspectives
evaluate	examine and judge carefully.
exaggeration	stretching the truth; making something greater than it really is.
excerpt	a passage selected from a larger work
explain	give a detailed account including reasons or causes.
exposition	The beginning of a story made up of characters, setting, and the conflict.
falling action	the events after the climax which close the story.
feeling	a physical sensation that you experience
field guide	illustrated book of plants or animals used for identification
figurative language	writing or speech that is used to create vivid impressions by setting up comparisons between dissimilar things, [examples are metaphor, simile, and personification.

graph	a visual display of information or data
graphic organizer	a visual aid to help organize information
homonym	words having the same sound but different meanings
literary device	any one of a variety of tools (such as the use of figurative language, imagery, allegory, and symbolism) a writer may use to achieve the tone or communicate the purpose or theme intended.
literary element	includes all the elements in a story: plot, rising action, falling action, problem, solution, setting, characters, theme, etc.
map	a drawing that shows where places are
memoir	a type of autobiography that covers a short period of time. Memory.
middle sound	the sound in the middle of the word
pamphlet	a very thin book with a paper cover giving information about something
personal essay	an essay that tells the writer's personal opinion, beliefs, or ideas about a subject

persuasion	the deliberate attempt to influence the thoughts, feelings or behaviors of another.
problem and solution	a text structure that presents a problem and offers solutions to solve the problem.
reference	a source of information
reference material	items that you can look at to find information: thesaurus, dictionary, internet
research	a careful study or investigation in order to learn facts
resolution	how the problem is solved
review	look back upon
rhythm	the pattern or beat of a poem
rising action	the series of conflicts or struggles that build a story toward a climax.
satire	the use of humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices

scene	the place where some action occurs
secondary source	information gathered by someone who did not take part in or witness an event.
sequence	the action of following in order
simile	comparison using like or as
speech	(language) communication by word of mouth
summary	a brief statement that presents the main points in a concise form
verb	a content word that denotes an action or a state