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| archetype | a symbol, story pattern, or character type that is found in the literature of many cultures (Example: Children of opposite qualities born of the same parents) |
| omniscient | when the narrator knows what is happening to every character, all-knowing |
| oxymoron | a figure of speech that combines opposite or contradictory terms in a brief phrase |
| paradox | a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth |
| pathetic fallacy | the attribution of human emotions or characteristics to inanimate objects or to nature (Example: angry clouds; a cruel wind) |
| standard English | the version of the English language that is regarded as the model in America for writers and speakers who are considered educated |
| stereotype | a generalized belief about a group of people |
| symbolize | when an object or event represents or stands for something |
| syntax | language rules that govern how words can be combined to form meaningful phrases and sentences |