

High School Literature Essentials

Literature · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which literary device is used when an author gives human qualities to inanimate objects or animals?

- A) Metaphor
- B) Simile
- C) Personification**
- D) Alliteration

2. What is the term for the sequence of events in a story?

- A) Theme
- B) Plot**
- C) Characterization
- D) Setting

3. A comparison between two unlike things using 'like' or 'as' is known as:

- A) Metaphor
- B) Simile**
- C) Hyperbole
- D) Irony

4. What is the central idea or message that an author conveys in a literary work?

- A) Conflict
- B) Protagonist
- C) Theme**
- D) Climax

5. The time and place where a story occurs is called the:

- A) Point of View
- B) Narrator
- C) Conflict
- D) Setting**

6. Which type of narration uses 'I' or 'we' as the narrator?

- A) Third-person omniscient
- B) Third-person limited
- C) First-person**
- D) Second-person

7. What is the main character in a story called?

- A) Antagonist
- B) Protagonist**
- C) Foil
- D) Narrator

8. The struggle between opposing forces in a story is known as:

- A) Resolution
- B) Exposition
- C) Conflict**
- D) Foreshadowing

9. A figure of speech where words are used to represent something else is a:

- A) Simile
- B) Metaphor**
- C) Onomatopoeia
- D) Allusion

10. What is the highest point of tension or excitement in a plot called?

- A) Inciting Incident
- B) Falling Action
- C) Climax**
- D) Denouement

11. The author's attitude toward the subject or audience is called:

- A) Mood
- B) Tone**
- C) Voice
- D) Style

12. A word or phrase that sounds like the noise it describes is:

- A) Alliteration
- B) Assonance
- C) Onomatopoeia**
- D) Consonance

13. When what happens is the opposite of what is expected, it is called:

- A) Paradox
- B) Irony**
- C) Oxymoron
- D) Satire

14. What is the description of a character's personality and background called?

- A) Plotting
- B) Characterization**
- C) Setting the scene
- D) Dialogue

15. A figure of speech involving exaggeration for emphasis or humorous effect is:

- A) Understatement
- B) Hyperbole**
- C) Personification
- D) Alliteration

16. The beginning of a story, where characters and setting are introduced, is the:

- A) Resolution
- B) Climax
- C) Exposition**
- D) Falling Action

17. A hint or clue about what will happen later in the story is known as:

- A) Flashback
- B) Foreshadowing**
- C) Red Herring
- D) Plot Twist

18. What is the repetition of initial consonant sounds in nearby words called?

- A) Assonance
- B) Consonance
- C) Alliteration**
- D) Onomatopoeia