**Lit Terms Vocabulary List 2**

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| **Literary Term** | **Definition** | **Example of its use in Literature** | **Student Example** |
| Simile |  | “She tried to get rid of the kitten which had scrambled up her back and stuck like a burr just out of reach.” *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott |  |
| Metaphor |  | “Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” Pablo Picasso |  |
| Dramatic Irony |  | In *Romeo and Juliet*, Romeo thinks that Juliet is dead, but the audience knows that in fact she is not. |  |
| Foreshadowing |  | “One man’s life or death were but a small price to pay for the acquirement of the knowledge which I sought” foreshadows the price Frankenstein will eventually pay for his pursuit of knowledge. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley |  |
| Onomatopoeia |  | “How they clang, and clash, and roar.” “The Bells” by Edgar Allen Poe |  |

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| Personification |  | “When it comes, the landscape listens, Shadows hold their breath.” “There’s a Certain Slant of Light” by Emily Dickenson |  |
| Connotation |  | “Shall I compare thee to a summer’s day” *Sonnet 18* by William Shakespeare  Summer connotes feelings of comfort, peace, prosperity |  |
| Denotation |  | Ice cream: a soft frozen food made with sweetened and flavored milk fat. |  |
| Alliteration |  | “The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew.” “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” by Samuel Taylor Coleridge |  |
| Repetition |  | “I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day . . . . I have a dream today!” “I Have a Dream” by Martin Luther King Jr. |  |