

# Literary Devices

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Choose the word that best matches the description.

- 1) What is anaphora?
  - a) an indirect way of mentioning another person, object, work, or idea
- 2) What is foreshadowing?
  - b) a sentence that seems to negate the general truth
- 3) What is antimetabole?
  - c) a manifestation of a divine being
- 4) What is hyperbole?
  - d) a word formed by the reorganization of another word
- 5) What is parataxis?
  - e) comparing two things using “like” or “as” in order to enhance a description
- 6) What is an oxymoron?
  - f) a literary device that involves reversing and then closely repeating a phrase
- 7) What is verisimilitude?
  - g) an inscription found on a coin, building, or statue
- 8) What is a simile?
  - h) a scene (in a movie or novel) that references a time
- 9) What is an epigraph?
  - i) an exaggerated statement/claim that is not meant to be taken literally
- 10) What is an allusion?
  - j) word usage to avoid repetition
- 11) What is a flashback?
  - k) a likeness to the truth or reality
- 12) What is an anagram?
  - l) placing clauses or phrases next to each other without a conjunction
- 13) What is an epiphany?
  - m) a warning or indication of a future event without outright saying it



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Answer Key: 1-J, 2-M, 3-F, 4-I, 5-l, 6-B,  
7-K, 8-E, 9-G, 10-A, 11-H, 12-D, 13-C