

Literary Terms

Match each term to its best description.

- 1) What is an epic? _____
 - 2) What is a fable? _____
 - 3) What is an ode? _____
 - 4) What is a cento? _____
 - 5) What is an allegory? _____
 - 6) What is a lament? _____
 - 7) What is a lyric? _____
 - 8) What is a masque? _____
 - 9) What is satire? _____
 - 10) What is a tragedy? _____
 - 11) What is a parody? _____
- a) A long, serious meditation on an elevated subject, an ode can take one of three types.
 - b) A narrative with two levels of meaning, one stated and one unstated
 - c) A comic imitation
 - d) A long narrative poem that catalogues and celebrates heroic or historic deeds and events, usually focusing on a single heroic individual
 - e) This genre encompasses a large portion of the world's poetry.
 - f) A serious drama typically describing a conflict between the protagonist and a superior force (such as destiny) and having a sorrowful or disastrous conclusion that elicits pity or terror
 - g) A poem composed entirely of lines from other poems
 - h) An expression of grief
 - i) A brief tale about talking animals or objects, usually having a moral or pedagogical point, which is sometimes explicitly stated at the end
 - j) Ridicule of some kind, usually passing moral judgment
 - k) Courtly drama characterized by elaborate costumes and dances, as well as audience participation



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