

# Literary Terms

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