LITERARY FORMS AND TERMS

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Literature

- Literature is an art with the help of words
- Literature is a mirror of life
- Picture of actual life
- It expresses as emotions, feelings, sentiments and attitudes towards life

Literary Forms

- Poetry
- Drama
- Prose and
- Fiction

Poetry: Imagination & Feelings

- Best words in best order
- Metrical composition
- The emotion recollected in tranquility
- The expression of the imagination

Poetry Classified

- Subjective poetry and
- Objective poetry

Types of poetry

- The lyric
- The elegy
- The ode
- The sonnet
- The ballad
- The epic

The Lyric

- The lyric is a short poem, usually divided into stanzas.
- It expresses the poet's own thoughts, sentiments, feelings, emotion or a single idea.
- *Eg:
 - John Donne's Canonization
 - Wordsworth's Tintern Abbey

The Elegy

- The emotion of sorrow, woe or despair, lament, a lyric of mourning or an utterance of personal bereavement and sorrow
- **■** Eg :
 - ■Tennyson's In memoriam
 - Thomas Gray's Elegy written in a country churchyard

The Ode

- * The ode is a long lyric poem
- * ode means song and the form of an address
- * Eg :
 - *Shelley's Ode to a skylark
 - *Wordsworth's Ode on the intimations of immortality
 - *Coleridge's ode to Dejection

The Sonnet

- * Little sound or song
- * fourteen lines poem in iambic pentametre
- * First eight lines are called octave
- * Second six lines are called seset
- **⊕** Eg:
 - *Shakespearean sonnets
 - ***Spenserian sonnets**

The Ballad

- The ballad is a short story in a verse form, dramatic, charming, rhyming and musical.
- **Eg** :
 - Keat's La Belle Dame sans merci
 - Tennyson's Lady of Shallot

The Epic

- The epic is a long narrative poem presenting heroic characters. Who take part in a series of adventure period of time
- **Eg** :
 - John Milton's Paradise lost
 - Iliad and
 - Odyssey

The Mock - Epic

- The mock-epic is a small narrative poem.
- It is employed in the treatment of trivial themes
- Mock or ridicules in the grand manner
- **Eg:**
 - Pope's The Rape of the lock
 - Swift's Tale of a Tub

The Dramatic Monologue

- It is a poetic soliloquy in which the speaker reveals his own character.
- It is a monologues because in them only one character speaks through out
- Eg :
 - Robert Browning's Andrea Del Sarto and my last Duchess

Poetic Diction

- Stanza forms
- Stanza
- Couplet / Quatrain
- Metre and Hexametre
- Heroic couplet
- Terza Rima
- Ottava Rima
- Rime Royal
- Rhyme Scheme
- Allegory
- Naturalism
- Imagism
- Realism

Poetic Diction

- Symbol
- Alliteration
- Blank verse
- Canto
 - Didactic
 - Epilogue
 - Metaphor
 - Metaphysical
 - Pentametre
 - Prologue & Epilogue
 - Satire
 - Simile
 - Verse
 - Spenserian stanza

THANK YOU

