

Activity

How many conventions do you know? The following table presents a random list of some of the conventions and literary terms typically associated with each genre. How many of the terms do you know?

Prose	Poetry	Drama
<p>Form and structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreshadowing • Plot/Subplot • Chapter • Epistolary • Flashback • Chronological/Disrupted Narrative • Autobiography • Metafiction • Bildungsroman • Fable • Exposition • Climax <p>Narrative Voice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point of View • First and Third Person • Omniscient • Unreliability • Interior Monologue • Free indirect style • Direct/Indirect speech • Stream of Consciousness • Self-conscious narrative <p>Characterisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major/Minor characters • Hero/Anti-hero • Multi-layered • Caricature • Flaw • Trait <p>Figurative Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motif/Symbolism • Pathetic Fallacy • Imagery • Allegory <p>Various features common to all genres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diction • Abstract/Concrete language • Connotation/Denotation • Syntax • Atmosphere • Tone • Irony • Paradox • Theme • Motif • Rhetoric • Allusion • Ambiguity • Cliché • Exaggeration 	<p>Form and structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballad • Sonnet • Villanelle • Free Verse • Lyric Poetry • Narrative Poetry • Satire • Ode • Elegy • Run-On/End-Stopped <p>'Voice'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached/Intimate • Formal/Informal • Register • Tone • Persona <p>Rhythm, Metre and Sound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress • Monosyllabic/Polysyllabic • Metrical Foot • Iambic Pentameter • Blank Verse • Couplet/Triplet/Quatrain • Tricolon • Rhyme Scheme • Alliteration • Assonance/Consonance • Onomatopoeia • Accent • Caesura • Sprung rhythm <p>Figurative Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imagery • Simile • Metaphor • Synecdoche • Metonymy • Hyperbole • Personification • Oxymoron • Pun • Zeugma • Synaesthesia • Conceit • Anaphora • Litotes • Trope 	<p>Form, action and structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comedy • Tragedy • Unities • Melodrama • Well-made play • Plot • Story • Naturalism and Realism • Expressionism • Stylised • Action • Exposition • Climax • Falling Action • Catharsis • Denouement • Dramatic Irony • Epiphany • Setting • Theatre of the Absurd • Chorus • Farce • Deus ex machina • Verisimilitude <p>Dialogue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monologue and Soliloquy • Asides • Subtext • Pitch/Inflection <p>Character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protagonist/Antagonist • Stock character • Stereotype • Flaw • Trait • Motivation • Foil • Hamartia • Hubris • Caricature <p>Stagecraft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Props • Lighting, Music, and Sound • Proxemics • End-on • In the round • Thrust • Apron • Proscenium arch