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Glossary of Terms

acrostic

A poem in which the initial letters of each line can be read down the page to spell either an alphabet, a name (often that of the author, a patron, or a loved one), or some other concealed message. Variant forms of acrostic may use middle letters or final letters of lines or, in prose acrostics, initial letters of sentences or paragraphs.

Baldick, Chris. *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 1990.

aesthetics

Philosophical investigation into the nature of beauty and the perception of beauty, especially in the arts; the theory of art or of artistic taste.

Adjective: **aesthetic** or **esthetic**.

Baldick, Chris. *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 1990 260 p.

amateur

Adjective

1. engaged in as a pastime; “an amateur painter”; “gained valuable experience in amateur theatricals”; “recreational golfers”; “reading matter that is both recreational and mentally stimulating”; “unpaid extras in the documentary”
2. lacking professional skill or expertise; “a very amateurish job”; “inexpert but conscientious efforts”; “an unskilled painting”

Noun

1. someone who pursues a study or sport as a pastime

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icon

1. (computer science) a graphic symbol (usually a simple picture) that denotes a program or a command or a data file or a concept in a graphical user interface
2. a visual representation (of an object or scene or person or abstraction) produced on a surface; “they showed us the pictures of their wedding”; “a movie is a series of images projected so rapidly that the eye integrates them”

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identity

1. the distinct personality of an individual regarded as a persisting entity; “you can lose your identity when you join the army”
2. the individual characteristics by which a thing or person is recognized or known; “geneticists only recently discovered the identity of the gene that causes it”; “it was too dark to determine his identity”; “she guessed the identity of his lover”
3. an operator that leaves unchanged the element on which it operates; “the identity under numerical multiplication is 1”
4. exact sameness; “they shared an identity of interests”

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ideal

Adjective

1. conforming to an ultimate standard of perfection or excellence; embodying an ideal
2. constituting or existing only in the form of an idea or mental image or conception; “a poem or essay may be typical of its period in idea or ideal conte
3. of or relating to the philosophical doctrine of the reality of ideas

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ideal cont'd

Noun

1. the idea of something that is perfect; something that one hopes to attain
2. model of excellence or perfection of a kind; one having no equal

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infringement

1. The act of infringing; breach; violation; nonfulfillment; as, the infringement of a treaty, compact, law, or constitution.
2. The punishing of this infringement is proper to that jurisdiction against which the contempt is. --Clarendon.
3. An encroachment on a patent, copyright, or other special privilege; a trespass.

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mood

1. A state of mind or emotion.
2. A pervading impression of an observer: the somber mood of the painting.
3. An incidence of sulking or angry behavior.
4. Inclination; disposition.

Pickett, J. *The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language: Fourth Edition*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000.

royalties

1. a compensation or portion of the proceeds paid to the owner of a right, as a patent or oil or mineral right, for the use of it
2. an agreed portion of the income from a work paid to its author, composer, etc., usually a percentage of the retail price of each copy sold

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significant

1. important in effect or meaning; "a significant change in tax laws"; "a significant change in the Constitution"; "a significant contribution"; "significant details"; "statistically significant"

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symbol

1. an arbitrary sign (written or printed) that has acquired a conventional significance
2. something visible that by association or convention represents something else that is invisible; "the eagle is a symbol of the United States"

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tableau

1. a group of people attractively arranged (as if in a painting)
2. any dramatic scene

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