

## LITERARY DEVICES/ FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE GLOSSARY

**1. Alliteration:** Repetition of a beginning consonant sound **Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.**

**2. Assonance:** Repetition of a vowel sound

**The sound of the hound was bound to make me crazy.**

**3. Hyperbole:** Exaggeration

**I am so hungry; I could eat a horse.**

**4. Personification:** Giving human qualities to something that is not human

**The trees danced in the wind.**

**5. Metaphor:** A comparison that does not use like or as **Her face is an open book.**

**6. Simile:** A comparison that uses like or as

**Her face is like an open book.**

**7. Onomatopoeia:** A word that sounds like what it means

**Crack! Boom! Blam!**

**8. Symbolism:** Something that represents or stands for something else.

**A dove is a symbol of peace.**

**9. Irony:** Something that happens opposite from the expected

**You want your brother to get in trouble, but you get in trouble instead.**

**10. Allusion:** A reference to another piece of writing or work.

**After stepping off the plane, My mom turned to me and said, "We're not in Kansas anymore!"**