Anne of Green Gables

-Literary Devices-



Purpose: To be able to identify and analyze literary devices within a text.

Following a short lecture, we will have a group activity and presentations where we identify eight literary devices found in Anne of Green Gables.

First, let's discuss how we relate to some of characters and events in Anne of Green Gables.

Let's discuss some predictions of what might happen next in the story. Justify those predictions.

Literary Devices

Setting and Context:
The background,
environment, setting, or
surroundings of the story
taking place.



Narrator and Point of View: Who is narrating the story and from what point of view?



First Person Point of View:

In first person point of view, the story is told from the narrator's perspective.

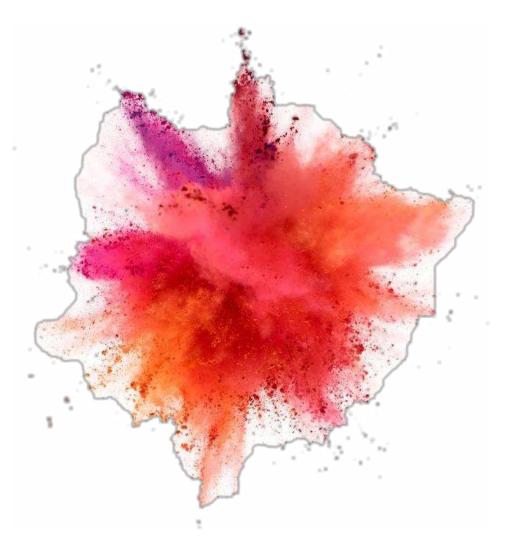
Third Person Point of View:

When the person writing is an outsider looking in, and uses pronouns like he, she, it, or they.

Protagonist: A protagonist is the main character of a story.

Antagonist: A person who actively opposes the protagonist.

A struggle between opposing forces. Usually, the main character struggles against some other force.



Foreshadowing: When a writer gives hints of what is to come later in the story.



Allusion:

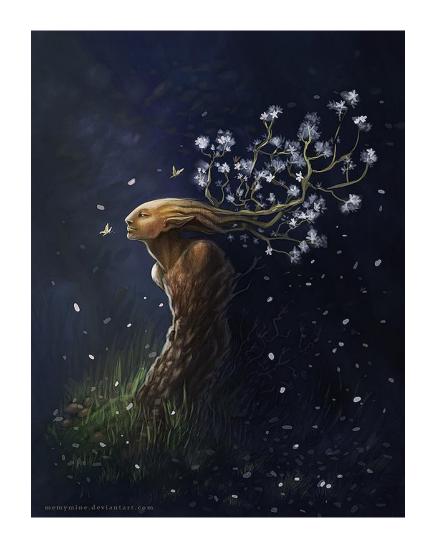
To mention another literary reference in an indirect way. Example: "You are such a Scrooge." This refers to Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol.



Imagery: Visually descriptive or figurative language



Personification:
Personification occurs
when a thing or abstraction
is represented as a person.
Example: The tree sang as
her hair blew in the wind.



Activity

Split up into assigned groups and write down an example of each literary device found in Anne of Green Gables, chapters 1-28.

- <u>Literary Devices</u>:
- Setting and Context
- Narrator and Point of View (First and Third Person)
- Protagonist and Antagonist
- Major Conflict
- Foreshadowing
- Allusion
- Imagery
- Personification.

As the students work, I will be available to answer questions and review definitions of literary devices with them.

I will also accommodate my students' various needs.

For example, a student with a visual impairment could have a peer read aloud parts of the text to them. For an ELL student, I could provide them a copy of the book in their native language. For a GT student, I could give them an added challenge, such as creating original examples of each literary device.

As the students work, I will also observe their progress as an informal assessment.

Wrap up the activity and have group presentations, which I will grade on a basic rubric.

Conduct a brief class discussion about some of the literary devices used in Anne of Green Gables.

Setting and Context: Avonlea, Prince Edward Island, Canada Late 1800s



Narrator and Point of View: Third person narrative which mostly follows Anne's point of view with occasional insights into Mathew and Marilla's point of view.



Protagonist and Antagonist:

The protagonist is Anne Shirley. One of the antagonists is Josie Pie.

Who else could be an antagonist in this story?



Major Conflict:
Anne struggles to find where she belongs in a society that is much more conservative than her unconventional and artistic views.



Foreshadowing:
Anne's rivalry with
Gilbert foreshadows the
possible development of
a romantic relationship.



Allusion:

In chapter 28, Anne and her friends reference "The Lady of Shalott" by Alfred Tennyson several times before Anne floats down the river in a boat.



Imagery:

Anne of Green Gables offers an abundance of imagery. One example is found on page 100: "With her chin propped on her hands and her eyes fixed on the blue glimpse of the Lake of Shining Waters that the west window afforded, she was far away in a gorgeous dreamland, hearing and seeing nothing save her own wonderful visions."

Personification:

Anne often personifies nature. One example of this is found on page 69: "A light gypsy wind came down it to meet them, laden with the spicy perfume of young dew-wet ferns. Far up in the shadows a cheerful light gleamed out through the trees from the kitchen at Green Gables."

Exit Slip

Have the students write an exit slip at the end of class where they write something they learned and any questions or confusion they may have that I can clarify during our next class.