**English 10 Literary Terms**

**Directions:**  Review all definitions. Be able to apply these definitions to examples.

Group 1

1. **Alliteration** - Repetition of an initial consonant sound in poetry

Sally the snake slithered slowly.

1. **Irony** - A striking discrepancy between what is expected and what actually exists or occurs
   1. Dramatic irony - The audience or reader knows an important fact that the character does not know (For example: In Aladdin, Jafar is tricked into the lamp and captured)
2. **Imagery** – Descriptive language that appeals to the senses in order to create a specific effect. From *Fahrenheit 451*, “He strode in a swarm of fireflies…the flapping pigeon-winged books died on the porch and lawn of the house.”
3. **Metaphor** - Speaking of one thing in terms of another living thing so as to imply a comparison between the two without using the words *like* or *as.* From F451, “…this great python spitting its venomous kerosene upon the world.”
4. **Onomatopoeia** - Words that sounds like sounds or sound like the thing or phenomenon they describe: boom, bang, crash.
5. **Paradox** - A seeming contradiction which is nonetheless true

**Ex**. Captain Beatty is well-read but hates books and burns them.

1. **Personification** - Imparting human or lifelike characteristics to an inanimate object: The sun is smiling down on us
2. **Simile** - Comparison of two unlike objects that uses the words *like* or *as.* Your love is like a red rose. <3
3. **Symbol** - A thing that represents an idea; an image, object, or action with another (larger and more important) meaning than itself. Ex. In Noah’s Ark, the rainbow God gives Noah represents their covenant to never flood the earth again.
4. **Oxymoron** - A fusion of two contradictory ideas: *jumbo shrimp, civil war,* or *government intelligence*