

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Literary Edition
Week 18 (Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007)

1. **Allegory** – *N.* The representation of abstract ideas or principles by characters, figures, or events in narrative, dramatic, or pictorial form
2. **Allusion** – *N.* Passing reference or indirect mention
3. **Analect** – *N.* A selection from or a part of a literary work or group of works; often the title
4. **Anthology** – *N.* A collection of selected literary passages
5. **Apocryphal** – *Adj.* Of questionable authenticity; fictitious
6. **Ballad** – *N.* A narrative poem consisting of simple stanzas and usually having a refrain, often intended to be sung
7. **Bard** – *N.* A lyric poet
8. **Colophon** – *N.* A publisher's emblem printed in a book
9. **Denouement** – *N.* The outcome of a sequence of events; the end result
10. **Doggerel** – *N.* A comic verse or rhyme of irregular measure
11. **Elegy** – *N.* A mournful poem
12. **Epic** – *N.* A long narrative poem often telling of a hero's deeds
13. **Epitaph** – *N.* An inscription on a tombstone in memory of the one buried there
14. **Euphemism** – *N.* An inoffensive expression that is substituted for one that is considered offensive
15. **Figurative** – *Adj.* Not literal; using figures of speech; metaphorical
16. **Fustian** – *N.* Pompous or pretentious talk or writing
17. **Lampoon** – *N.* A composition that imitates somebody's style in a humorous way
18. **Litotes** – *N.* Understatement for rhetorical effect (*Such as "I was not a little upset" instead of "I was very upset"*)
19. **Masthead** – *N.* The title of a newspaper or periodical as it appears across the first page, front cover, or title page of each issue
20. **Missive** – *N.* A written message; a letter
21. **Motif** – *N.* A unifying idea that is a recurrent element in a literary or artistic work
22. **Ode** – *N.* A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
23. **Opus** – *N.* A creative work, especially a musical composition numbered to designate the order of a composer's works
24. **Parody** – *N.* A *Lampoon* dammit (*see 17*)
25. **Pastiche** – *N.* A work of art that imitates the style of some previous work
26. **Pathos** – *N.* A quality that arouses emotions
27. **Pseudonym** – *N.* A fictitious name, especially a pen name
28. **Satire** – *N.* Witty language used to convey insults or scorn
29. **Scholiast** – *N.* A scholar who writes annotations on an author
30. **Tome** – *N.* A large scholarly book, sometimes with several volumes
31. **Treatise** – *N.* A systematic, usually extensive written discourse on a subject
32. **Vignette** – *N.* A brief literary description, sometimes a design or picture
33. **Vita** – *N.* A short account of a person's life