

Newman Catholic Collegiate Dictionary

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VOCABULARY

Tier 2

Term	Definition
Analyse	To study or examine something in detail in order to discover or understand more about it.
Context	The social, political and/or historical events that may have influenced a writer.
Effect	What a writer is trying to convey or make a reader think, feel or imagine.
Evaluate	To judge the importance of something.
Explicit	Clear and exact
Implicit	Suggested, but not communicated directly.
Patriarchy	A society in which the oldest male is the leader, or a society controlled by men.
Perceptive	Very good at noticing and understanding things that many people do not notice
Perspective	A point of view or way of considering something.
Structure	The way in which something is arranged or organised.

Tier 3

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Alliteration	A series of words beginning with the same sound.
Allusion	Something that is said or written that is intended to make you think of a particular thing or person.
Antagonist	A character in a story who is presented as the chief foe of the protagonist.
Embedded Quotation	To fix a quotation firmly into a sentence.
Foreshadowing	When something that happens earlier in a text is a clue or reflection of something that will happen later.
Juxtaposition	When two opposites are described next to each other, to make their differences stand out.
Motif	An idea or image that is repeated many times.
Oxymoron	Two words or phrases used together that have, or seem to have, opposite meanings.
Pathetic Fallacy	When the weather reflects a character's emotions.
Protagonist	The main character.