**Poetry terms often found on the AP Literature Exam:**

Many of these you should already be comfortable with – others are more obscure but are worth memorizing should they appear on a multiple choice question. Some very obvious terms are omitted.

Alliteration

Anaphora

Antithesis

Apostrophe

Assonance

blank verse

cacophony

caesura

conceit

consonance

couplet

diction

elegy

euphony

enjambment

feminine rhyme

free verse

hyperbole

internal rhyme

masculine rhyme

metaphor

meter

metonymy

ode

octave

parallelism

pastoral

quatrain

refrain

scansion

monometer                  one foot per line   
                dimeter                        two feet per line   
                trimeter                        three feet per line   
                tetrameter                    four feet per line   
                pentameter                   five feet per line   
                hexameter                    six feet per line   
                heptameter                   seven feet per line   
                octameter                     eight feet per line

sestet

synecdoche

syntax

tercet

terza rima

villanelle