**Figurative Language Terms**

**Test on Wednesday, September 13, 2018**

**Allusion**—a direct or indirect reference to a significant date, event, person or work of literature.

*“And her eyes, her eyes were green like emeralds. Or Kryptonite*.”

**Idiom***—*A figure of speech not meant to be taken literally.

*Ex: You are driving me up the wall, and I am ready to flip out!*

**Metaphor**—a comparison of two unlike things stated directly.

*My closet is a train wreck. (Direct metaphor)*

*His writing was peppered with adverbs and adjectives. (Inferred metaphor)*

**Simile**—a comparison of two unlike things using like or as

*Her smile shone as bright as the sun.*

**Personification**—giving (inanimate) objects human-like qualities.

*The tree branches tapped and scratched at my window all night; they wanted to keep me awake.*

**Alliteration**—the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of two or more words in a line.

*The zebra played the xylophone at the zoo.*

**Symbol** – anything that stands for or represents something else.

*Our American flag uses many symbols: stars = 50 states; stripes = 13 colonies; red = hardiness and valor; white=purity; blue =justice.*

**Hyperbole**—an over-exaggeration

*His hand could provide shade for the whole county.*

*I’m so hungry, I could eat TEN horses.*

**Onomatopoeia**— the use of words that mimic their meaning in sound.

*For example: Bang, Drip, Shhh, Hiss, Bark, etc.*

**Oxymoron**—combines two words of contrasting meanings to create a single idea/thought

*Genuine imitation leather*

*Deafening silence*

*Jumbo shrimp*