AP Literary Terms List #4

Each week you will create a set of note cards from the literary terms I will provide you. Use will use these cards to gain a deeper understanding of literary terminology so that you may become more skilled literary critics. You will receive the list each Monday, and the cards will be due on Friday. These cards are doubly useful because students with complete cards will be able to use them during practice AP exams.

**Format**: On one side you need to have the vocabulary term. On the other side you need to have the provided definition as well as an illustration and an example. Make your cards creative and colorful, as engaging in the creative process will help you deepen your understanding of the terminology.

TERM DEFINITION EXAMPLE/CLUE

INVERSION The reversal of the usual or natural order of words

 The juxtaposition of contrasting ideas, words, or

ANTITHESIS phrases so as to produce an effect of balance.

 A form of understatement in which a thing is affirmed

LITOTE by stating its opposite. Example: “not bad” means “good”

 Substituting an agreeable phrase/expression for

EUPHEMISM one that may be more offensive.

 A figure of speech in which what is stated is not

VERBAL IRONY what is meant.

 A figure of speech that combines two normally

OXYMORON contradictory terms.

 A sophisticated form of irony in which the hero naively

SOCRATIC IRONY accepts the meaning of things when the reader sees the meaning is very different.

 A statement that at first appears self-contradictory,

PARADOX but actually has a basis in truth.

SITUATIONAL irony involving a situation in which actions

IRONY have an effect that is opposite

 from what is intended.

COSMIC IRONY a view in which the world always seems to hold frustration

And emptiness precisely when humans believe they can find fulfillment.

**Tone Words:**

**Admonitory**

**Audacious**