

(B.A SEM I)

(LITERARY TERMS)

A literary device or a literary term is a tool used by writers to hint at larger themes, ideas and meaning in a story or piece of writing. There are many styles of literary devices each serving a different purpose.

(I) BALLAD

* **Introduction** :- A Ballad is a poem with a musical quality. It is one of the oldest forms in English. A Ballad is narrative in nature. This was sung from village to village by bards or singers who earn a living in this way. Most Ballads are written in ABAB rhyme scheme which means that it emphasizes the emotions of the speaker and also tells about the time when they were written.

* BALLADS are of Two Kinds:-

① The Ballad of Growth :- It is also known as Traditional Ballad.

② Literary Ballad :- It is also known as narrative poem.

The first type is genuine and primitive but the second one is imitative

Examples :- Some of the best known ballads are "The wife of Usher's well" and "Chevy Chase".
These are Traditional Ballads

* The example of literary ballads are "The Rime of Ancient Mariner" and "La Belle Dame Sans Merci".

CHARACTER

The character is short prose sketch of different type of people moulds to a pattern. Writers use characters to perform action and speak dialogues, moving story along plot time.

ORIGIN :- This type of literary term flourished in England, France in 17th, 18th century. But the credit of origin to the characters has been gone to the Greek philosopher "Theophrastes", a pupil of Aristotle. They served as models to the 17th century writer "Joseph Ball".

TYPES OF CHARACTERS

- ① **Protagonist** :- This is the main character around whom the story revolves. The decisions made by this character will be affected by society, fate, nature and other characters.
- ② **Antagonist** :- This group of characters causes the conflicts for the protagonists. The Antagonist could be the part of an animal, weather or nature.
- ③ **Minor** :- These characters are not as major as important but still play a large part in a story. Major characters will be dynamic and growing while minor characters will be more static.

IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER

Characters are what make stories. Without a character, there is no story to tell, only a lot of scenery. Many characters in TV series, nature and movies have great impact on people. Some people like to live their lives.