**Drama Terms**

* **Aside:** Words that are spoken by a character in a play to the audience or to another character, but that are not supposed to be overheard by the others on the stage.
* **Foil:** Character who is used as a contrast to another character.
* **Apostrophe:** Words that are spoken to a person who is absent or imaginary, or to an object or abstract idea.
* **Oxymoron:** A [figure of speech](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/figure_of_speech) in which two words with opposing meanings are used together intentionally for effect.
* **Pun:** A joke which comes from a play on words.
* **Imagery:** Language that appeals to the senses that create vivid images
* **Monologue:** A speech by one character that is spoken to another character or characters
* **Soliloquy:** A speech in which a sole (single) character says his or her thoughts aloud, usually while he or she is ***alone on stage.***
* **Paradox:** A statement that seems to contradict itself, but is true.
* **Tragedy:** A dramatic work which presents the downfall of a good character brought about by himself.
* **Tragic Flaw:** a trait (usually beyond the character's ability to control) that causes a character's downfall that may result in death
* **Foreshadowing:** When an author includes hints about what will happen later in the story.
* **Comic Relief:** A humorous scene, incident, or speech that is included in a serious play to break the tension.