**Rhetorical Devices and Literary Terms Dictionary**

The following list is comprised of words that will be beneficial for you to know in your

upcoming year of AP English Language and Composition. At the beginning of the year,

you will be expected to develop a “dictionary” to reference throughout the year. These

terms are what you would look for when analyzing and annotating a passage, a story,

an article, or any piece of literature (prose or poetry). Please type and define these terms and give an example. Please use the example given as a guide.

**Apostrophe** is an arrangement of words addressing a non-existent person or an

abstract idea in such a way as if it were present and capable of understanding feelings.

Ex. “Death Be Not Proud”

Allegory

Alliteration

Allusion

Ambiguity

Analogy

Anaphora

Antecedent

Antithesis

Aphorism

Apostrophe

Assonance

Atmosphere

Chiasmus

Clause

Colloquial

Connotation

Consonance

Commentary

Denotation

Diction patterns

Didactic

Ethos

Euphemism

Fig. Language

Figure of Speech

Foil

Genre

Hyperbole

Idiom

Inference

Irony

Juxtaposition

Litotes

Logos

Metaphor

Metonymy

Mood

Motif

Narrative

Onomatopoeia

Oxymoron

Paradox

Parallelism

Parody

Pathos

Pedantic

Personification

Point of View

Prose

Repetition

Rhetoric

Rhetorical Modes

Rhetorical Questions

Sarcasm

Satire

Semantics

Simile

Style

Syllogism

Symbol

Synecdoche

Syntax

Theme

Thesis

Tone

Transition

Understatement

Voice

Wit