

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE

Literary Terms:

Sound Devices

Directions: Provide an example, either by quotation or summary, for each term and make note of the source. **Memorize** each definition in preparation for the AP English Literature Exam.

• **Alliteration:** the repetition of initial consonant sounds in words in close proximity

Example: _____

Source: _____

• **Assonance:** the repetition of vowel sounds, but not of ending consonant sounds (not a full rhyme)

Example: _____

Source: _____

• **Cacophony:** the conscious use of a combination of harsh, unpleasant sounds

Example: _____

Source: _____

• **Consonance:** the repetition of the final consonants in stressed syllables, but with different vowel sounds that precede them

Example: _____

