

**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.

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• **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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_