Paper 2 · comparing literary works

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Word	Example
comparative essay	A **comparative essay** develops an argument about two works.
literary work	A novel is a **literary work**.
context /ˈkɒntekst/	Use the **context**, the words around a word, to guess its meaning.
literary form /ˈlɪtərəri fɔːm/	Drama is a **literary form** written for performance.
narrative voice /ˈnærətɪv vɔɪs/	The **narrative voice** presents events through a child's words.
point of view /pɔɪnt ɒv vjuː/	The story's **point of view** limits what the reader knows.
stage direction	A **stage direction** tells the actor to pause.
imagery /ˈɪmɪdʒri/	Cold rain and dark streets create bleak **imagery**.
characterisation	**Characterisation** is how the writer shows what a character is like.
symbol /ˈsɪmbl/	The green light is a **symbol** of hope.
structure /ˈstrʌktʃə/	The **structure** of this sentence is subject, verb, object.
irony /ˈaɪrəni/	It is **irony** when a fire station burns down.

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context of production	The **context of production** includes the conditions in which a work was written.
context of reception	The **context of reception** shapes how a later audience reads the work.