

poetry concepts

conceit

- a cognate of *concept* or *conception* (something conceived in the mind)
- an elaborate or extremely inventive metaphor
- highlights multiple parallels between strikingly dissimilar entities

dramatic monologue

- a poem revealing a “soul in action” through the speech of one character in a dramatic situation
- the character is speaking to an identifiable but silent listener at a dramatic moment in the speaker’s life
- circumstances of the one-sided conversation are clear by implication
- reader gains insight as the speaker unintentionally reveals information about his or her personality

mock epic

- a parody that treats a trivial subject through epic style
- contains grandiose speeches, cataloging, detailed descriptions of “warriors” and “battle, and involvement by mythical creatures

pastoral

- from the Latin *pastor*, meaning shepherd
- a poem set in a rural environment that idealizes simple, rustic life