Maus I Terms

1. **Allegory**-

   Example- *Gulliver’s Travels, Chronicles of Narnia*

2. **Catachresis**-

   Example-To take arms against a sea of troubles, The President’s decision yesterday to set in motion the development of the hydrogen bomb has placed us on a knife edge of history.

3. **Comic Relief**- Interruption of comedy on a serious or exciting scene

   Example-Jem and Dill declaring they were playing strip poker after Nathan Radley shot at them.

4. **Dialect**-

   Example- Jeff Foxworthy

5. **Epigraph**-

   Example-

6. **Foreshadowing**-

   Example-M. Night Shamalan’s “Signs” Water, Bat, Dying Wife’s last words

7. **Frame Narrative or Tale**- A story that has another story within it.

   Example- Arabian Knights, Heroes

8. **Irony**-

   Example- The firehouse burned down

   **Dramatic Irony**- The audience or reader knows more about a character’s situation than the character does, and knows the character’s understanding is incorrect

   Example- Romeo Kills himself because he assumes Juliet is dead.

   **Structural Irony**-

   Example- Huck Finn doesn’t understand Jim is like a father to him.
Verbal Irony-
Example- A large man whose nickname is Tiny.

9. Juxtaposition-
Example- Forrest Gump- When Forrest receives the CMH he gets swept up in an Anti-Vietnam rally.

10. Litotes-
Example- I like money a little. Or What you did is no small accomplishment.

11. Metafiction- Fiction that makes no attempt to disguise itself.
Example- Forrest Gump’s overuse of historical coincidences.

12. Metaphor-
Example- The moon, a haunting lantern, shone through the clouds.

Mixed Metaphor- Combining 2 or more literary terms in such a way that the meaning is ridiculous, impossible or incorrect
Example- The President will pit the ship of state firmly on its feet.

Extended Metaphor- a single or main subject to which additional subjects or metaphors are applied.
Example- He is the pointing gun, we are the bullets of his desire.

13. Paradox-
Example- Deep down he is really very shallow. Or Noon finally dawned on the remaining weary soldiers.

14. Parallelism-
Example- … And a government of the peoples, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from earth.

15. Pun-
Example- Our social studies teacher said her globe means the world to her.

16. Symbol-
Example- Scar on Harry Potter’s head – lightning bold = energy, power, destruction