

Upper Level Level - September 2026

Week 3: Tone, Mood, Irony & Symbolism in Complex Texts | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

verbal irony	Saying the opposite of what one means; sarcasm
situational irony	When the outcome is the opposite of what is expected
dramatic irony	When the audience knows something a character does not
symbol	An object, person, or event representing something beyond itself
motif	A recurring image, symbol, or idea throughout a text
allegory	A narrative where characters and events represent abstract moral ideas
satire	Use of humor, irony, or exaggeration to criticize society or human beh
juxtaposition	Placing contrasting things side by side to highlight their differences
mood	The emotional atmosphere created for the reader
foil	A character who contrasts with another to highlight their qualities

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Define and differentiate the three types of irony. Give an original example of each.

2. How do symbols create layers of meaning? What makes an object a symbol vs. just a prop?

3. What is an allegory? Explain how Lord of the Flies OR Animal Farm functions as one.

4. How does juxtaposition develop theme? Give an example from any text you know.

5. What is the difference between tone (author's attitude) and mood (reader's feeling)?
