

LESSON NOTE ON LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH WEEK 4

SUBJECT: Literature-in-English

TOPIC: Meaning of Poetry and types of poetry

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DEFINITION OF POETRY

It is a type of literature that conveys thoughts and feelings, describes a scene or tells a story in a concentrated lyrical arrangement of words. Poetry is written in lines (verses) and stanzas and the person who writes poem is called a poet.

TYPES OF POETRY

1. Lyric: This poem originated from ancient Greece. It is a personal and intense poem expressing deep feelings from the poet. The lyric expresses the poet's emotions and thoughts on any issue of interest.
2. Ode: This is a poem that addresses a person or an entity that is not present, as if the person or object is present.
3. Ballad: This is a love song or poem written to express heroic past of a village or community.
4. Sonnet: This is a poem of 14 lines.
5. Epic: this poem is centred on heroic deeds of a great person or a group of persons with great achievements.
6. Lullaby: this type of poem is sung to children with a view of luring them to sleep or into a more relaxed mood.
7. Dirge/elegy: this poem is used to express grief and extreme sadness on the occasion of a person's death or a poem that mediates on death