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|   | **alliteration**   (uhlihturayshuhn) *noun*    A repetition of initial, or beginning, sounds in two or more consecutive or neighboring words. |

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|   | **caesura**        a pause near the middle of a line |

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|   | **epic**   (EHpihk) *noun,adjective*    **1.**  A long narrative poem telling of a hero's deeds.   **2.**  An extended narrative poem recounting actions, travels, adventures, and heroic episodes |

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|   | **epithet**   (EHpuhthEHt) *noun*    An abusive word or phrase or an insult |

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|   | **gorge**   (gawrj) *noun,verb*    **1.**  A narrow very deep ravine and canyon **2.**  to stuff with food; to eat greedily |

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|   | **kenning**   (kEHnihNG)     **1.**  A figurative, usually compound expression used in place of a name or noun, especially in Old English and Old Norse poetry; for example, storm of swords is a kenning for battle. **2.**  old English metaphor using a compound word |

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|   | **loathsome**   (lohthsuhm) *adjective*    Causing disgust; highly offensive or detestable. |

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|   | **mead**   (meed) *n*    Drink made of fermented honey and water. |

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|   | **scop**    *n*    a professional poet |

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|   | **venerable**   (vEHnuruhbuhl) *adjective*    worthy of respect or reverance, particularly because of position or age. |

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