SWAT Clues

1. A. Metaphor: A direct comparison of 2 unlike things

B. Allusion: Reference to a historical or literary work of the past.

2. A. Simile: A comparison using like or as

B. Situational Irony: When the opposite of what is expected, occurs; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wins the lottery then gets hit by a bus.

3. A. Cliché: an overused expression: Ie: “It is a dog eat dog world”

B. Dramatic Irony: A death row pardon two minutes too late; in a horror movie when we know the killer is downstairs but the cheerleader decides to unwittingly go down there

4. A. Hyperbole: “My heart broke into a million pieces” – A great exaggeration

B. Theme: The main idea of a poetic work

5. A. Alliteration: Repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words

B. Personification: “Where the City sleeps”

6. A. Repetition: when words, phrases or images are repeated for effect.

B. Onomatopoeia: “Kerplunk” the sound something makes when it hits the water. Buzz.

7. A. The Shark: Leisurely He swam, he knew the harbour well, this poem appeals to the 5 senses.

B. Verbal Irony: When the Black Knight says it is just a scratch when his arm is cut off

8. A. Richard Cory: “Went home and put a bullet through his head.” is an example of irony in this poem.

B. Imagery: Words or images that appeal to the senses

9. A. Rhyme: Doctor Seuss’ favourite poetic device.

B. Contrast: Putting two different things together for effect: “See the Bedouin Fires at Night”

10. A. Symbol: Lamb = innocence; Skull and crossbones = death

B. Oxymoron: 2 contradictory words put together Ie. Jumbo Shrimp

11. A. Mood: The feeling the reader is supposed to get from the poem

B. Speaker: person telling the poem

12. A. Tone: The author’s attitude towards the subject of the poem

B. Free-verse: poem without rhyme or rhythm

13. A. Stanza: group of lines in a poem

B. Metaphor: Boulevard of Broken Dreams

14. A. Hyperbole: “I came up with a million excuses”

B. Symbol: an object that represents a larger idea

15. A. Alliteration: Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickle Peppers

B. Oxymoron: Biggie Smalls, minor crisis, seriously funny.