

AP English Language and Composition
Anderson-Shiro High School
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Use this list of terms to complete section 5 of your spiral notebook as applied to Fast Food Nation. These are the same terms we will be using throughout the school year. Please be familiar.

- **Alliteration**- repetition of the same sound beginning several words in sequence
 - "He **found** himself incapable of managing his slaves either by **force, fear, or fraud.**"
- **Allusion**-brief reference to a person, event, or place, real or fictitious, or to a work of art
 - "She had bread for the hungry, clothes for the naked, and comfort for every mourner that come within her reach."
- **Anaphora**-repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning or successive phrases, clauses, or lines
 - "**We can** go anywhere. **We can** do anything. **We can** be anybody."
- **Antimetabole**-repetition of words in reverse order
 - "His words were in perfect keeping with his looks and his looks in perfect keeping with his words."
- **Antithesis**-opposition, or contrast, of ideas or words in a balanced or parallel construction
 - "...for while he starved us, he stuffed them."
- **Archaic diction**-old-fashioned or outdated choice of words
 - "But alas! This kind heart had but a short time to remain such."

- **Asyndeton**-omission of conjunctions between coordinate phrases, clauses, or words
 - "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardships, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

- **Cumulative sentence**-sentence that completes the main idea at the beginning of the sentence, and then builds and adds on
 - "Her writing style seemed straightforward, outlining the subject clearly by describing it in detail."

- **Hortative sentence**-sentence that exhorts, advises, calls to action
 - "Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us."

- **Imperative sentence**-sentence used to command, enjoin, implore, or entreat
 - "My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

- **Inversion**- inverted order of words in a sentence (variation of the subject-verb-object order)
 - "Only after understanding the situation does the teacher make a comment."

- **Juxtaposition**-placement of two things closely together to emphasize comparisons or contrasts
 - "Under its influence, the tender heart became stone, and the lamblike disposition gave way to one of tiger-like fierceness."

- **Metaphor**-figure of speech that says one thing is another in order to explain by comparison
 - "Her face was made of heavenly smiles, and her voice of tranquil music."

- **Metonymy**-using a single feature to represent the whole
 - "Detroit is still hard at work on an SUV that runs on rain forest trees and panda blood."

- **Oxymoron**-paradoxical juxtaposition of words that seem to contradict one another
 - "O miserable abundance, O beggarly riches!"

- **Parallelism**-similarity of structure in a pair or series of related words, phrases, or clauses
 - "It had given me a view of my wretched condition, without the remedy. It opened my eyes to the horrible pit, but no ladder upon which to get out."

- **Periodic sentence**-sentence whose main clause is withheld until the end
 - "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

- **Personification**-attribution of a lifelike quality to an inanimate object or idea
 - "The grave is at the door."

- **Rhetorical question**-figure of speech in the form of a question posed for rhetorical effect rather than for the purpose of getting an answer
 - "Will not a righteous God visit for those these things?"

- **Zeugma**- use of two different words in a grammatically similar way but producing different, often incongruous, meaning
 - "This bread I used to bestow upon the hungry little urchins, who, in return, would give me that more valuable bread of knowledge."