Terms to Discuss

**Satire**- A term to describe any form of Literature that blends ironic humor and wit with criticism for the purpose of ridiculing frailties – in individuals and institutions…
The tone of satire varies from light and witty, chiding to passionate, indignation to bitter denunciation. **Its chief device is irony.**

Other satirical devices include:

- **Sarcasm** - Harsh, cutting personal remarks to or about someone, not necessarily ironic. (Personal taunts.)

- **Innuendo** – An insinuation; the implication or hint of something derogatory.

- **Parody** – A composition that ridicules another composition by imitating and exaggerating aspects of its content, structure and style. (Mimicking designed to ridicule.)

- **Caricature** – Exaggeration of specific features of appearance or personality, usually for comic effect. (Ludicrous distortion of personal characteristics.)

**Irony**- a contrast or discrepancy between expectation and reality.

- **Verbal Irony**- a speaker says one thing and means another.
- **Situational Irony**- what actually happens is the opposite of what is expected or appropriate.
- **Dramatic Irony**- When the audience knows something important that a character does not.

**Symbol** – Broadly, anything that signifies, or stands for, something else.