Course: AP Literature & Composition
Module: Poetry to the 17th Century

Key Terms

Archetype - a unique kind of symbol, a kind of super-symbol that can take a number of forms: an abstract idea or a single entity

Metaphysical conceit – this is a poem that sets up an analogy between one’s spiritual qualities and an object in the physical world

Symbol - an object that stands for something more abstract or general.

Epic – a long narrative poem, depicting the story of a hero who accomplishes a supernatural feat