

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature Test Review

- **Genre of literature** refers to the different categories of literary composition in relation to their content, tone, and technique used. It is a very loose term and encompasses many different categories.
- These all fall under the **3 main "genres"**. They are:
  - **Prose**
  - **Poetry**
  - **Drama**
- **Prose** refers to writing distinguished from poetry by its greater variety of rhythm and its closer resemblance to the patterns of everyday speech.
- **Poetry**, the oldest literary form is a form of art in which language is used for its aesthetic and evocative qualities in addition to, or in lieu of, its ostensible meaning.
- **Drama** refers to a literary form involving parts written for actors to perform. It comes from a Greek word meaning "action", drawn from the (Classical Greek       ), "to do". Dramas can be performed in various media: improvisation, live performance, radio, film and-or television - and nowadays web chat.
- The main thing to remember is that there are 3 main genres - Prose, Poetry, and Drama. All the rest are sub-genres that can be listed under one, or more than one main genres. Check your notebook for further information on "genres" and "sub-genres".