

B.A. 2nd Semester
English Poetry

Topic- Forms of Poetry

Sonnet:

A fourteen-line poem written iambic pentameter. Different kinds of sonnets have different rhyme schemes.

Types of Sonnet-

- English Sonnet (Shakespearean Sonnet)
- Italian Sonnet (Petrarchan Sonnet)
- Spenserian Sonnet
- Miltonic Sonnet

Elegy:

A poem mourning on the death of a relative, friends or on the circumstances.

Epic:

A long poem narrating the adventures of a heroic figure — for example, Homer's *The Odyssey*.

Lyric:

A type of poetry that expresses the poet's emotions. It often tells some sort of brief story, engaging the reading in the experience

Dramatic Monologue:

A poem with a fictional narrator addressed to someone whose identity the audience knows, but who does not say anything.

Meter:

The pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in the lines of a poem.

Iambic pentameter:

Ten-syllable lines in which every other syllable is stressed. For example: “With eyes like stars upon the brave night air.”

Blank verse:

Unrhymed lines of poetry usually in iambic pentameter. Plenty of modern poetry is written in blank verse.