

Vocabulary for Unit 8

allusion: A reference within a text to a person, place, or event outside of the text.

Liturgy of the Hours: Also known as the Divine Office, the official public, daily prayer of the Catholic Church. The Divine Office provides standard prayers, Scripture readings, and reflections at regular hours throughout the day.

metaphor: A literary comparison that compares and contrasts two things that are basically different.

parallelism: The repetition of words or ideas in successive lines of poetry. The second line may contrast with the first, complete the thought of the first, or restate the first more forcefully.

personification: A literary technique that uses human characteristics to describe nonhuman realities.

psalm: A hymn or song of prayer that expresses praise, thanksgiving, petition, lamentation, or a historical memory of God's actions on behalf of the Chosen People.

Psalter: Another name for the Book of Psalms.

simile: A comparison between two dissimilar things, usually connected by the words *like* or *as*.

