

English 11

Literary Terms for *The Road*

1. **diction**- author's choice of words
2. **tone**- attitude or feeling that the writer's words express
3. **concrete language**- stimulates sensory response
because it refers to things that can be seen, touched, felt, heard, etc. Ex: dog, tree, rain, chair
4. **abstract language**- refers to ideas and concepts; it does not appeal imaginatively to the reader's senses
Ex: love, freedom, hate, peace, alienation, good, bad
5. **monosyllabic words**- ONE syllable in length
6. **polysyllabic words**- MORE THAN ONE syllable in length
7. **denotation**- literal dictionary definition of a word
8. **connotation**- implied or suggested meaning attached to a word, or the emotional "tag" that goes along with the word
Ex: positive connotation-"home" negative connotation- "shack"