

English 11

Unit One- Regionalism and the Rise of Realism (1865-1910)

Literary Terms and Important Vocabulary

1. **colloquial language**- informal speech that people use in everyday conversation
2. **conflict**- the central struggle between two opposing forces in a story or drama
3. **external conflict**- struggle against some outside force, such as another person, nature, society, or fate
4. **internal conflict**- struggle between two opposing thoughts or desires within the mind of a character
5. **local color**- the use of details to show the unique character of a place and its inhabitants
6. **tall tale**- humorous stories that contain wild exaggerations and invention; associated with the American frontier
7. **tone**-the writer or speaker's attitude toward the subject matter