

Unit Literary Terms

1. **conflict**- the central struggle between two opposing forces
2. **external conflict**- struggle against some outside force, such as another person, nature, society, or fate
3. **internal conflict**- struggle between two opposing thoughts or desires within the mind of a character
4. **irony**- the opposite of what is expected; use of words to convey a meaning that is opposite of the literal meaning
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