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Lesson 01 : literary genre

Definition of literary genre : a style of expressing yourself in writing

Genre : a kind of literary or artistic work.

Poetry

Verse form : A composition written in metrical feet forming rhythmical lines.

Free verse : poetry that does not have rhyme or have regular meter.

Rhyme : correspondance in the final sounds of two or more line.

Meter : basic unit of length.

Verse : A line of poetry which is composed of two parts

Hemistick : it is part of verse.

Scansion : the rhythmic structure.

Foot : the rhythmic parts which compose the scansion.

Prosody : the patterns of rhythm and sound used in poetry.

Peg : it represent a vowel letter.

Cord : it represent unvowel letter.

Poetry had three principals :

1. **Panegyrique** : praise of tribe and its elders during the islamic periode. For example the pre – islamic poet Al- Nabighah addressing his ruler :

You are the sun itself, other monarchs are stars
When you light shines bright, the other stars vanish.

2. **Lampoon** : where by the poet would be expected to take verbal aim at the community enemies.
3. **Elegy** : praise of the dead

