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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

