



SWGS KS5 VOCABULARY LIST: SUBJECT

This list consolidates key vocabulary in the subject, making it easier for you to know, understand and use it accurately. This may be provided as a pre-filled glossary or a word list to complete. Your teachers will use this vocabulary frequently, and you will encounter it in reading. You will be expected to learn meanings and spellings.

Paper 1: World of the Hero

Odyssey

Homeric Epithet	
<i>xenia</i>	
<i>nostos</i>	
<i>metis</i>	
<i>oikos</i>	
<i>kyrios</i>	
<i>kleos</i>	
<i>timê</i>	

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Aeneid

<i>pietas</i>	
<i>furor</i>	
<i>virtus</i>	
<i>castitas</i>	
<i>moderatio</i>	
<i>clementia</i>	
<i>mos maiorum</i>	
<i>fides</i>	

Paper 2: Invention of the Barbarian

Political Terms

<i>polis</i>	
aristocracy	
oligarchy	
tyranny	
democracy	
<i>polis</i>	
satrapy	

Greek Terms

<i>barbaros</i>	
<i>hubris</i>	
medise:	‘
<i>ate</i>	
<i>topos</i>	
<i>logos</i>	
<i>thoma</i>	

Tragedy Terms

<i>catharsis</i>	
<i>hamartia</i>	
<i>anagnorisis</i>	
<i>deus ex machina</i>	

Paper 3: Love and Relationships

Greek Terms

<i>topos</i>	
<i>eros</i>	
<i>pothos</i>	
<i>pederasty</i>	
<i>erastes</i>	
<i>eromenos</i>	
<i>sophistry</i>	

Essential Terms for the Latin Literature

Parody	
Didactic	
Elegy	
Stoicism	
<i>apatheia</i>	
<i>arete</i>	
<i>sapiens</i>	
Vices	

Essential Literary Analysis Terms

Epithet	Phrase which is commonly used – “rosy fingered dawn”. Used for characterisation
Vividness	Making something feel realistic or alive
Adjectives	Describing a noun – emphasis (emphasis, highlighting, accentuation)
Adverbs	Describing a verb – emphasis
Meaning of Verbs and Nouns	Unusual language for emphasis
Repetition	Using the same words over and over for emphasis
Hyperbole	Exaggeration for emotional effect
Dramatic Scene	Drama – emotional effect
Pace	Fast paced = quicker, hits you harder Slow paced – slow boil, hit comes later
Catalogue	List of objects – emphasis
<i>pathos</i>	A scene which creates emotional sympathy