



## Governor's Study Partner Program

<p><b>Skill: 801.8.</b> Identify and analyze examples of literary elements that shape meaning within context (i.e., flashback, foreshadowing, irony, mood, symbolism, tone).</p>	<p><b>Title: Irony</b></p>
<p><b>Irony</b> in literature is a technique that involves surprising, interesting, or amusing contradictions.</p> <p><b>Verbal irony</b> is a figure of speech when an expression used is the opposite of the thought in the speaker's mind, thus conveying a meaning that contradicts the literal definition.</p> <p><b>Underline the sentences that show irony:</b></p> <p>"Oh great," she said after dropping and breaking the crystal vase.</p> <p>"That was action-packed!" said Jeff after watching a documentary on the flight patterns of birds.</p> <p><b>Write some examples of irony of your own.</b> Ask your tutor or teacher for help if you need it.</p>	<p><b>Use a highlighter to show the examples of irony:</b></p> <p>You wanted to go see a concert with your friends. Your parents told you that you could not go. So you went ahead and bought the nonrefundable three hundred dollar tickets with your savings to see the concert. On the day of the concert you were preparing to sneak out when your parents come in and surprise you. They say, "Because you were so accepting and did not act rash about us not allowing you to go to the concert, we bought the tickets so you could see them."</p> <p>An old man turned ninety-eight. He won the lottery and died the next day... of chronic emphysema from inhalation of the latex particles scratched off decades' worth of lottery tickets.</p> <p>A death row pardon two minutes too late... because the governor was too busy watching Dead Man Walking to grant clemency any earlier.</p>
<p>Sum it up!  <b>Irony</b> in literature is a technique that involves surprising, interesting, or amusing contradictions.</p>	