

## Flash Cards as a Revision Technique

- Flash cards are a method of **self-quizzing**.
- You can make them, buy them, or even find them online.
- On one side, write down a key question
- On the other side, write down the answer.
- Use the cards to test yourself.
- You need to review the flash cards you get wrong **more often!**

What is **alliteration**?

**Alliteration** is when a sound is repeated over two or more words.

e.g. Donate to deserving causes.

What is an **expert opinion**?

An **expert opinion** is when the writer quotes a professional point of view.

e.g. Professor Smith says that "..."

## La Belle Dame Sans Merci 1819 (1)

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Author: John Keats

Story: 2 first person speakers. A knight narrates his story with a femme fatale character and how this lead to his love sickness

Themes: Love, Death, Enchantment

Tone: Super Natural, Melancholic, Deathly

### • Form + Structure

- Ballad - Love song
- Last Line shorter, dimeter -
- Regular rhyme and cyclical

## La Belle Dame Sans Merci 1819 (2)

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### • Language:

- Archaic Language - Helps with medieval setting "ail thee" "steed" "thy"
- Repetition of pale - Knight is dying "palely loitering" "pale" "death pale" "rose"
- Metaphors of death - Knight is dying "I see a lily on thy brow" "fading"
- Pathetic fallacy - Foreshadows knights death "The sedge has withered from the lake" "no birds sing"

### • Context

- Keats knew he was dying of TB in his 20s while writing this poem, his brother had also died of TB 2 years before
- "A faery's song" could depict the woman as a siren from Greek mythology. Sirens would seduce sailors with songs and they then died in the water trying to swim to them

Compare to: She Walks In Beauty, A Complaint

These are not flash cards.

Why not?

They contain too much information!