There are a number of terms you meet when you study poetry and literature. Look at the clues and put the words into the crossword. The language panels in your Oxford English Dictionary for Schools on terms for literature, poetry, and figurative language are particularly useful.

ACROSS
1. a way of comparing a person or thing using ‘like’ or ‘as’
6. an effect in which words have sounds that sound like what they are describing
11. describing something inanimate as if it were human
12. the repetition of the same letter or sound at the beginning of several words for special effect
14. a comparison without using ‘like’ or ‘as’, stating one thing is another
16. the pattern of stressed syllables in a line of poetry

DOWN
1. a group of lines in a poem, sometimes called a verse
2. poetry that does not use a particular metre or rhyming pattern
3. a particular type of metre with lines of five accents, often used by Shakespeare
4. a piece of non-fiction writing that describes the life of a person
5. a story about imaginary characters and situations
7. describes the life of the author who has written it
8. non-poetic writing that is usually written in sentences and paragraphs
9. rhyming that occurs in the middle of a line of poetry
10. writing that is meant to be performed by actors
13. a long piece of fiction (a story) that is divided into separate chapters
15. rhyme occurs at the close of two or more lines of poetry

prose
end
fiction
metre
free verse
alliteration
novel
drama
metaphor
stanza
simile
biography
autobiography
blank verse
personification
internal rhyme
onomatopoeia

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