Literary Terms for *The Road*

**Directions**: Below are 12 literary terms. For each term you must type a double-spaced, half page response applying the term to *The Road*. I encourage you to do more research concerning the term so you know have a clear understanding of how each term pertains to the novel. Within each response you must have at least 2 quotes (correctly cited) from the book as examples for your argument.

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| **1. LITERARY ONOMASTICS:** examines the use of proper names in literature, and often focuses on the names of characters in fiction (*characternyms*). A primary requirement of **onomastics** is the clarification of certain basic terms relating to the concept *proper name*. In casual usage, proper names, proper nouns, and capitalized words are often taken to be the same thing. That assumption, however, can mislead, because the three expressions refer to three different things which partially overlap."(John Algeo, "Onomastics," in *The Oxford Companion to the English Language*, ed. by Tom McArthur. Oxford Univ. Press, 1992) |
| **CHARACTONYM/CHARACTERNYM-**(Aka **fictional aptronym**) A name given to a fictional character that suggests that character's traits, e.g. **Mr. Bumble**. |

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