Drama Terms – define each of the following terms as they pertain to drama

tragedy

comic relief

tragic flaw

tragic hero

act

scene

soliloquy

aside

irony

dramatic irony

foreshadowing

verse drama

theme

paradox

Characteristics of a Tragic Hero

* The tragic hero meets with certain doom, but faces it with dignity
* The tragic hero has a tragic flaw, a mistake that leads to his downfall
* There are external forces work that against him – many times it is a supernatural force
* A series of events leads to the hero’s inevitable downfall
* At the beginning of the play the tragic hero is of high standing in society
* The tragic hero comes to a terrible, tragic end and dies miserably
* The tragic hero recognizes his error in action or judgment before dying