

Glossary

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- aardvark**—*n.* a small mammal native to Africa
- alders**—*adj.* widely distributed trees of the birch family
- alliteration**—*n.* the repetition of sounds at the beginning of several words in order or near one another
- anaphora**—*n.* the repetition of words at the start of a series of lines in a poem
- anticipation**—*n.* eagerness, thinking about something before it happens

B

- banker's lights**—*n.* desk lamps used by bankers. Their green shades were believed to help deflect bright light and reduce strain on the eyes—an important thing for people who spent their day poring over complex numbers
- barrack**—*n.* a building or group of buildings used to house soldiers
- beam**—*n.* a thick piece of wood
- belfry**—*n.* a bell tower or steeple housing bells, especially one that is part of a church