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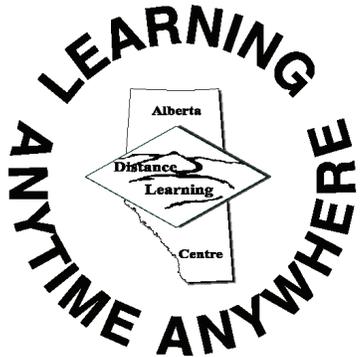
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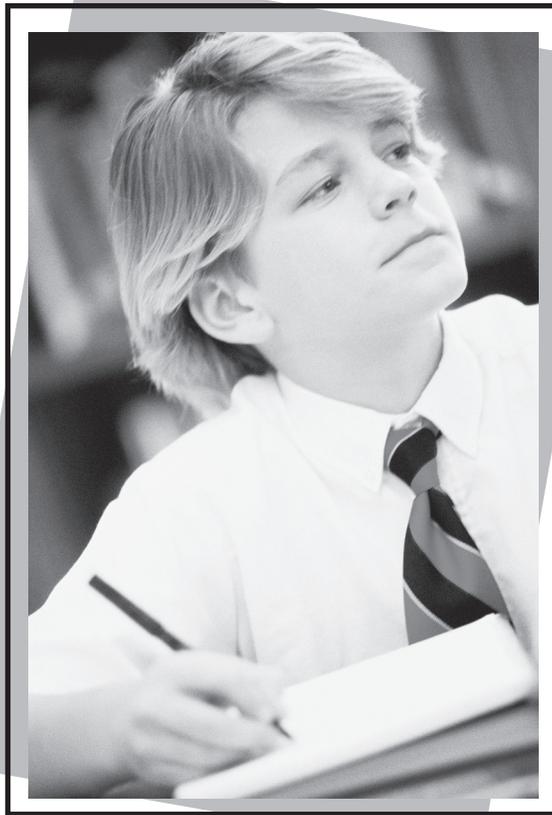
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*W2 - Lesson 3:
Literary Techniques*

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson, you should

- understand literary techniques used in poetry
- recognize a simile
- recognize a metaphor
- recognize alliteration
- identify hyperbole
- recognize personification

GLOSSARY

Refer to *ResourceLines* 7/8

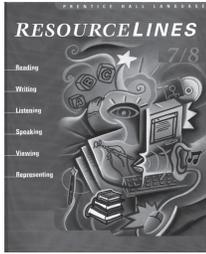
figurative language - use of comparison to describe; not literal (includes simile, metaphor, and personification) (pages 54 and 62)

literal language - precise words chosen to describe, not using comparisons or hyperbole

literary techniques - the use of various literary tools to enhance expression, especially in poetry

W2 - Lesson 3: Literary Techniques

Good writers use various literary techniques or devices to add interest and creativity to their work. Writers often create images and sensory impressions through the use of figurative language that suggests similarities in things not usually compared. A comparison using *like* or *as* is called a **simile**. A **metaphor** is a comparison made more directly without using *like* or *as*: “The road was a ribbon of moonlight.” In **personification**, an animal, object, or concept is given human characteristics.



Two other literary devices often used are **hyperbole** (or exaggeration) and **alliteration**, which is the repetition of consonants at the beginning of a series of words. (For more examples, see pages 61 and 62 of *ResourceLines* 7/8.) In the poem that follows, Wordsworth used several these devices.

“I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud” - William Wordsworth



I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o’er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

In questions 1 to 6, write the letter of the response that **best** completes the statements.

- _____ 1. “Continuous as the stars that shine” is an example of
- simile
 - personification
 - metaphor

- _____ 2. “The waves beside them danced” is an example of
- A. simile
 - B. personification
 - C. hyperbole
- _____ 3. “They stretched in never-ending line” is an example of
- A. simile
 - B. personification
 - C. hyperbole
- _____ 4. “Tossing their heads in sprightly dance” is an example of
- A. simile
 - B. personification
 - C. hyperbole
- _____ 5. “Slowly, silently, now the moon / Walks the night in her silver shoon” (from “Silver” by Walter de la Mare) uses the literary devices called
- A. simile and personification
 - B. alliteration and personification
 - C. metaphor and hyperbole
- _____ 6. “The moon was a ghostly galleon, tossed upon cloudy seas” (from “The Highwayman” by Alfred Noyes) is an example of
- A. simile
 - B. personification
 - C. metaphor

7. What phrase from the quotation in question 6 is an example of alliteration?

Although we often think of these literary devices as part of poetry, writers often use them in prose as well to help readers visualize the action in a story.

Read the short story “Ride the Dark Horse” by Margaret Bunel Edwards in *SightLines 7*, page 102. As you read, watch for examples of literary devices used by the author. List at least **TWO** examples of each of the following: simile, metaphor, alliteration. You should also find one example of hyperbole and one of personification. Note the page and paragraph number of each example.

simile

metaphor

alliteration

hyperbole

personification

LEARNING LOG

Reflect on and record your learning process for this lesson.

What ideas seemed new to me? What seemed familiar?

Where is one place I can use one of the new ideas today or tomorrow, and how will I apply it?

What do I need to review so I can remember it for future use?

You should now be able to meet all the objectives listed at the beginning of the lesson. Review the list to see if there is anything you need to spend more time on.

Teacher's Comments: _____
