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Identifying Poetic Devices

Directions: Write which technique is being used on the line. There may be more than one correct answer; you may write more than one answer. Then, explain how you know your answer. Slashes represent line breaks.

Answers: alliteration, rhyme, onomatopoeia, idiom, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification.

Example 1. This falling spray of snow-flakes is / a handful of dead Februaries

What technique is being used? Personification and Alliteration

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

Februaries can't die like humans can; therefore it is an example of personification. Also, many words begin with the letter "F" or "S", so it also has alliteration.

2. The moon is faithful, although blind

What technique is being used? _____

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

3. children sleeping softly in their bedroom bunks

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4. Time is a green orchard.

What technique is being used? _____

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5. At dusk there's a thin haze like cigarette smoke / ribbons

What technique is being used? _____

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

6. They chained themselves to subways for the endless ride from Battery Park to the Bronx

What technique is being used? _____

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

7. A final word: before you start / The convulsions of your art,

What technique is being used? _____

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

8. That tree said / I don't like that white car under me, / or its gasoline smell

What technique is being used? _____

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Explain how you figured it out:

24. The pans clattered and banged / the tapping of the wooden spoon / tap, tap, tap

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