**Poetry & Figurative Language - Study Guide Practice**

**Part 1:** Read the poems and highlight figurative language. Next to the figurative language you’ve highlighted, label the type. (RL1, RL4, L5)

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| **Simile Metaphor Personification Hyperbole Alliteration**  **Repetition Onomatopoeia** |

**DIRECTIONS***: Identify an example of simile and imagery*

**Song**

You are as gold

as the half-ripe grain

that merges to gold again,

as white as the white rain

that beats through

the half-opened flowers

of the great flower tufts

thick on the black limbs

of an Illyrian apple bough.

Can honey distill such fragrance

As your bright hairó

For your face is as fair as rain,

yet as rain that lies clear

on white honey-comb,

lends radiance to the white wax,

so your hair on your brow

casts light for a shadow.

**DIRECTIONS:** *Identify an example of figurative language and imagery*

# **A Blessing**

Just off the highway to Rochester, Minnesota,

Twilight bounds softly forth on the grass.

And the eyes of those two Indian ponies

Darken with kindness.

They have come gladly out of the willows

To welcome my friend and me.

We step over the barbed wire into the pasture

Where they have been grazing all day, alone.

They ripple tensely, they can hardly contain their happiness

That we have come.

They bow shyly as wet swans. They love each other.

There is no loneliness like theirs.

At home once more,

They begin munching the young tufts of spring in the darkness.

I would like to hold the slenderer one in my arms,

For she has walked over to me

And nuzzled my left hand.

She is black and white,

Her mane falls wild on her forehead,

**Part 2**: Choose one poem from above to enhance with your own figurative language. Write three different pieces of figurative language that would fit well into the poem and add to the message, mood, or description. (RL10, L5)

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| **a.** | **b.** | **c.** |
| **Type of figurative language:** | **Type of figurative language:** | **Type of figurative language:** |
| **Explanation:** | **Explanation:** | **Explanation:** |

**Part 3: Mood**

Read the poem, **“Like It Was Yesterday** “ below and complete the graphic organizer:

(RL 10)

What is the mood of the poem? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What figurative language and imagery contribute to this feeling?

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# **Like It Was Yesterday**

I remember fish sticks for Friday night dinners  
And having phones mounted on the wall  
And when calling my parents to come pick me up  
Hearing the operator ask, “Do you accept this call”  
  
I remember cartoons on Saturday mornings  
And TV shows in black and white  
I remember staying outside all day to play  
Until blanketed by the dark of night  
  
I remember wearing high-tops – the Converse All-Star kind  
And having to put on a tie for school  
I remember that bottle spinning round and round  
And when it stopped – what we would do  
  
I remember my brother’s red Mustang  
The first car I would learn to drive  
I remember the angry end of my father’s belt  
Having been caught in another lie  
  
I remember ice-skating on St. Leonard’s pond  
And on summer nights sneaking into the pool  
I remember gagging on that cigar puff  
Trying to pretend I was really cool  
  
I remember playing baseball with right field out of play  
Because we didn’t have enough for two full teams  
I remember at camp doing a panty raid  
And laughing at the girl's frantic screams  
  
I remember tear drops forming in my eyes  
The day my brother went away to college  
I remember agonizing over asking her out  
But not being equipped with the ask-out knowledge  
  
I remember wearing the cap and gown  
As “Pomp and Circumstances” they played  
And, even though this happened a lifetime ago  
I remember like it was yesterday