

Figurative Language Homework Assignment

Due Monday November 22nd, 2021

Your task is to identify different types of figurative language in a song of your choosing. Your song can either be written out or printed on a sheet of paper. I will also accept an electronic copy if you can make annotations electronically (on Google docs).

Your song must have:

- ☐ **At least two different examples of figurative language**
- ☐ **Appropriate lyrics**
- ☐ **Labels, annotations, and explanations** (think back to when we annotated a poem: define unfamiliar words, make notes)
- ☐ **Explanations for two different types of figurative language used in your song** (what do they mean?)
- ☐ **Short paragraph (3-5 sentences) about the meaning of your song**

Figurative Language Homework Assignment Rubric

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Content	Song choice is not appropriate and/or does not include examples of figurative language	Song choice is appropriate and includes 1 example of figurative language	Song choice is appropriate and includes at least 2 different examples of figurative language.	Song choice is appropriate and includes more than 2 different examples of figurative language.
Understanding	Student does not make labels or annotations. Student does not explain 2 types of figurative language and/or struggles to explain the meaning of their song	Student makes a few labels and annotations. Student explains 1 type of figurative language and/or shows some understanding about the meaning of their song.	Student makes labels and annotations. Student explains at least 2 types of figurative language and shows a good understanding about the meaning of their song.	Student makes detailed labels and annotations. Student explains more than 2 types of figurative language and shows an excellent understanding about the meaning of their song.
Grammar/Punctuation	Student does not write in full sentences and/or does not use proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Many errors are made.	Student mostly writes in full sentences and uses proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Some errors are made.	Student writes in full sentences and uses proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Very few errors are made.	Student writes in full sentences and uses proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling. No errors are made.

Miss Finlayson's Example

Excerpt from "Enchanted" by Taylor Swift

Your eyes whispered, "Have we met?"
'Cross the room your silhouette
Starts to make its way to me
The playful conversation starts
Counter all your quick remarks
Like passing notes in secrecy

Personification: "Your eyes whispered, "Have we met?"

In this line, she is describing how someone's eyes can tell a story. Since Taylor gave a human characteristic to a non-human object (an eye), this is an example of personification.

Simile: "Counter all your quick remarks, Like passing notes in secrecy"

In this line, she is comparing having a quick, back-in-forth conversation to passing secret notes. This means other people might not understand or pick up on their banter because it is a "secret" between two people. Since she is making a comparison using like, this is an example of a simile.

Meaning of the song: "Enchanted" by Taylor Swift is about meeting someone and having an instant, 'magical' connection (like 'love at first sight') with them. In the song, Taylor wonders if the person she met shares the same feelings as her. It's a hopeful and optimistic song, as Taylor frequently alludes to fairy tale tropes ("this is the very first page") to describe her romantic connection.