


POETRY!

LESSON 2 - GRADE 11

METAPHOR

met·a·phor

/ˈmedəˌfôr, ˈmedəˌfər/ 

noun

a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.

"I had fallen through a trapdoor of depression," said Mark, who was fond of theatrical metaphors"

synonyms: figure of speech, image, trope, analogy, comparison, symbol, word painting/picture

"the profusion of metaphors in her everyday speech has gotten pretty tiresome"

- a thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else, especially something abstract.
"the amounts of money being lost by the company were enough to make it a **metaphor** for an industry that was teetering"

METAPHOR

The snow is a white blanket

The classroom was a zoo

Life is a rollercoaster

- “Hound Dog” by Elvis Presley

You aint nothin' but a hound dog

Quit snoopin' round my door

You can wag your tail

But I ain't gonna feed you no more

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgPtz5qN7HM>

HOTEL CALIFORNIA - EAGLES

**“Our interpretation of the high life in Los Angeles” “about the uneasy balance
between art and commerce” – Don Henley**

THE POET – DELMORE SCHWARTZ (EXCERPT)

The riches of the poet are equal to his poetry
 His power is his left hand
 It is idle weak and precious
 His poverty is his wealth, a wealth which may destroy him
 Like Midas because it is that laziness which is a form of impatience
 And this he may be destroyed by the gold of the light
 Which never was
 On land or sea.

SIMILE

sim·i·le

/ˈsɪmələ/ 

noun

a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more emphatic or vivid (e.g., *as brave as a lion*, *crazy like a fox*).

- the use of simile.

DREAM DEFERRED – LANGSTON HUGHES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79YjXKYeWck>

Poet and leader during the Harlem Renaissance (huge movement involving African American art and culture in America at the beginning of the 1900s)

How do the comparisons create tone in the poem?

Langston Hughes

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore-
And then run?

Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over-
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

METONYM

met·o·nym

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noun

a word, name, or expression used as a substitute for something else with which it is closely associated. For example, *Washington* is a metonym for the federal government of the US.

METONYM

- Metonymy replaces the original word with another word with similar meaning
- Ex. "The pen is mightier than the sword" (pen = writing and sword = military aggression or force)
- Ex. "The suits" = business people
- Ex. Dish – plate of food
- Ex. "Give me a hand" = help

- "Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears" (ear = listening replacing the concept paying attention)
- Why use Metonym? Sometimes it sounds better to replace multiple words with a single one (especially in poetry).

METONYMY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4m1EFMoRFvY>

WRITE A POEM

Write a poem using Metaphor, Simile, and Metonym

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