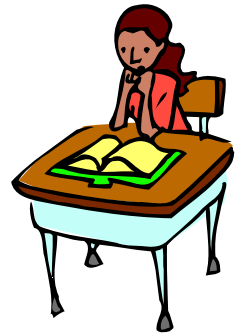


Literary Term: *Figurative Language*



Name _____

Authors use figurative language to make the story more interesting to the reader. There are two types of figurative language that Karen Hesse used frequently in *Out of the Dust*.

Simile: Uses “like” or “as” to compare two things

Personification: Gives human qualities to something that is not human

Read the sentences below from *Out of the Dust*. Write what type of figurative language is used.

1. The night sky kept flashing, lightning danced down on its spindly legs.

2. He wasn't more than sixteen. Thin as a fence rail.

3. Hope rises daily, like sap in a stem.

4. But now, sorrow climbs up our front steps, big as Texas, and we didn't even see it coming.

5. I thought I might be swallowed by the heat.

As you read the book, find five more examples of simile or personification. Write the examples below.

