

Literary Term: Figurative Language

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Authors use figurative language to make the story more interesting to the reader. There are typically three types of figurative language used in literature.

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

Metaphor: Describes something as if it were another unlike thing.

Personification: Gives human qualities to something that is not human.

Read the sentences below from *Tuck Everlasting*. Write what type of figurative language is used and a description of how you knew.

1. I'm about dry as dust. _____

2. The sun was only just opening its own eye on the eastern horizon. _____

3. He had a kind of grace like a well-handled marionette. _____

4. The sky was a ragged blaze of red and pink and orange. _____

5. The sun was dropping fast now, a soft red sliding egg yolk. _____

6. The Foster women had made a fortress out of duty. _____

7. Queen Anne's lace lay dusty on the surface of the meadows like foam on a painted sea. _____

8. Streaks of light swam and danced and wavered like a bright mirage. _____
