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# Analyzing a Poem

The following poem contains many examples of figurative language; these have been identified for you, but you must name & explain each technique contained in the lines identified.

## I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they  
Out-did the sparkling leaves in glee;  
A poet could not be but gay,  
In such a jocund company!  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

[Lines 1-2] Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

[Line 3] Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

[Line 6] Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

[Line 8] Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

[Line 22] Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

[Line 18] Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the overall effect of the figurative language in this poem? \_\_\_\_\_

# Song Lyrics + Poetry

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify, label, and explain the type of figurative language or poetic device used in the song lyrics. Examples may include: imagery devices such as metaphors, similes, personification, hyperbole; sound devices such as alliteration, assonance, consonance, onomatopoeia, rhyme; and rhetorical devices such as anaphora and epistrophe.

"Firework" by Katy Perry Identify & Label the Poetic Devices	Explain the Poetic Devices Used
1 Do you ever feel like a plastic bag 2 Drifting through the wind 3 Wanting to start again	
4 Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin 5 Like a house of cards 6 One blow from caving in	
7 Do you ever feel already buried deep 8 Six feet under scream 9 But no one seems to hear a thing	
10 Do you know that there's still a chance for you 11 'Cause there's a spark in you 12 You just gotta ignite the light 13 And let it shine 14 Just own the night 15 Like the Fourth of July	
(Chorus) 16 Cause baby you're a firework 17 Come on show 'em what you're worth 18 Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh!" 19 As you shoot across the sky 20 Baby you're a firework 21 Come on let your colors burst 22 Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh!" 23 You're gonna leave 'em fallin' down	
24 You don't have to feel like a waste of space 25 You're original, cannot be replaced 26 If you only knew what the future holds 27 After a hurricane comes a rainbow	
28 Maybe you're the reason why all the doors are closed 29 So you can open one that leads you to the perfect road 30 Like a lightning bolt, your heart will blow 31 And when it's time, you'll know 32 You just gotta ignite the light 33 And let it shine 34 Just own the night 35 Like the Fourth of July (Repeat Chorus)	
36 Boom, boom, boom 37 Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon 38 It's always been inside of you, you, you 39 And now it's time to let it through	

# Identifying **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE** in song lyrics



For each of the following extracts from songs, identify and explain the figurative language techniques used.

1 "It might seem crazy what I'm  
about to say / Sunshine she's  
here, you can take a break / I'm  
a hot air balloon that could go  
to space."

- Happy by Pharrell Williams

2 "Do you ever feel like a plastic bag  
/ Drifting through the wind... / Do  
you know that there's still a  
chance for you / 'Cause there's a  
spark in you... / 'Cause baby you're  
a firework"

- Firework by Katy Perry

3 "I'd catch a grenade for you  
/ Throw my head on a blade  
for you / I'd jump in front  
of a train for you."

- Grenade by Bruno Mars

4 "On the day that I was born /  
the cards were dealt, the dice  
were thrown / I think my  
destiny was drawn."

- Only You by Keith Urban

5 "Yeah, you can be the greatest, you  
can be the best / You can be the  
King Kong banging on your chest  
/ You can beat the world, you can  
win the war / You can talk to God,  
go banging on his door."

- Hall of Fame by The Script