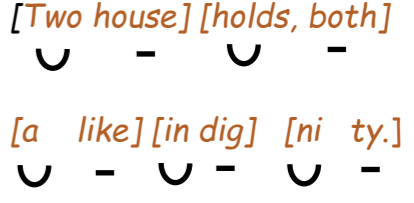


Year 8 War Poetry

Language

Structure

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| <p>Imagery Imagery is a mental picture created by the descriptive language that a writer chooses for effect. For example,</p> <p><i>The sunset was spectacular; the clouds were edged with pink and gold.</i></p> | <p>Simile A figure of speech in which <u>two things are compared using the word "like" or "as."</u> An example of a simile using <i>like</i> occurs in Langston Hughes's poem 'Harlem':</p> <p><i>It dries up like a raisin in the sun?</i></p> | <p>Metaphor Describing something as though it were actually something else. For example</p> <p><i>A swallow being described as 'a blue--dark knot of glittering voltage'.</i></p> |
| <p>Extended metaphor. A comparison is developed over the course of the poem so that the poem itself becomes the metaphor. For example,</p> <p><i>In A Poison Tree by William Blake the poem centers around the speaker's anger growing like an apple on a tree.</i></p> | <p>Personification A figure of speech in which <u>nonhuman things or abstract ideas are given human attributes:</u></p> <p><i>The sky is crying, dead leaves danced in the wind, blind justice.</i></p> | <p>Symbolism When a <u>word, phrase or image 'stands for'</u> an <u>idea or theme.</u></p> <p><i>The sun could symbolize life and energy or a red rose could symbolize romantic love.</i></p> |
| <p>Alliteration This is the repetition of the same consonant sound at the beginning of words next to, or near each other, to produce an effect.</p> <p><i>From pillar to post a pantomime.</i></p> | <p>Onomatopoeia A figure of speech in which <u>words are used to imitate sounds.</u> Examples of onomatopoeic words are:</p> <p><i>buzz, hiss, zing, clippety-clop, cock-a-doodle-do, pop, splat, thump, tick-tock.</i></p> | <p>Irony irony is saying one thing and meaning another. Irony can also be used to mean perverse or contrary events or information. For example,</p> <p><i>It's like rain on your wedding day It's a free ride when you've already paid It's the good advice that you just didn't take</i></p> |

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| <p>Stanza <u>Two or more lines of poetry that together form one of the divisions of a poem.</u> The stanzas of a poem are usually of the same length and follow the same pattern of meter and rhyme.</p> | <p>Theme The subject or subjects covered by a writer: not simply the facts and the happenings covered in the plot, but the underlying meaning behind them. For example,</p> <p><i>The poem 'Nothing's Changed' is about a man looking in at the window of a restaurant, but its theme is the effects of racism and the legacy of apartheid.</i></p> | <p>Iambic pentameter A line with a total of 10 syllables. These syllables are grouped into 5 pairs called feet. Each has one stressed and one unstressed syllable.</p> <p><i>Two households, both alike in dignity.</i></p> <p>[Two house] [holds, both] </p> |
| <p>Meter The term for regular rhythm in a poem is its meter. You might think of it as 'the beat' of the poem.</p> | <p>Repetition When poets repeat a word or phrase that has already been said or written.</p> | <p>Rhyme The <u>occurrence of the same or similar sounds at the end of two or more words.</u></p> |
| <p>Enjambment This is when the sense runs on from one line to the next without pause. It is the opposite of end-stopped lines. For example:</p> <p><i>We were running to find what had happened</i></p> | <p>Caesura A caesura is a pause in the middle of a line of verse (usually marked by a comma or full stop). It can produce interesting effects:</p> <p><i>In the fleeing, failing light. Starlings</i></p> | <p>End-stopped line This is when the natural pause in the sense of the words comes at the end of the line. For example:</p> <p><i>A little learning is a dangerous thing; Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring.</i></p> |
| <p>Sonnet A poem of fourteen lines written in iambic pentameter with an ababcdcdefefgg rhyme scheme. Usually relates to the theme of love.</p> | <p>Autobiographical An autobiographical poem is personal—it reveals something about the person writing the poem and their life. It does not have to rhyme.</p> | <p>Free Verse Free verse is an open form of poetry. It does not use consistent meter patterns, rhyme, or any musical pattern. It thus tends to follow the rhythm of natural speech.</p> |