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Identifying Figurative Language of Shakespeare

Directions: Write which technique is being used on the line. Then, explain how you know your answer.

Answers: Simile, Metaphor, Personification, and Hyperbole

1. Thy youth's proud livery, so gazed on now, / Will be a tatter'd weed, of small worth held:

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

2. What say you, Hermia? be advised fair maid: / To you your father should be as a god;
One that composed your beauties, yea, and one / To whom you are but as a form in wax
By him imprinted and within his power / To leave the figure or disfigure it.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

3. Not to-night, good Iago: I have very poor and / unhappy brains for drinking: I could well wish
courtesy would invent some other custom of / entertainment.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

4. I hold the world but as the world, Gratiano; / A stage where every man must play a part,
And mine a sad one.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

5. Come, then; for with a wound I must be cured. / Draw that thy honest sword, which thou hast worn

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

6. I must hear from thee every day in the hour, / For in a minute there are many days:
O, by this count I shall be much in years / Ere I again behold my Romeo!

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

7. As flies to wanton boys, are we to the gods. / They kill us for their sport.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

8. If music be the food of love, play on; / Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting,
The appetite may sicken, and so die.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

9. When I have seen by Time's fell hand defaced / The rich proud cost of outworn buried age;

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

10. Here's the smell of the blood still: all the / perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little
hand. Oh, oh, oh!

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

11. The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and / ill together

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

12. I say 'your city,' to his wife and mother; / Breaking his oath and resolution like
A twist of rotten silk, never admitting / That pages blush'd at him and men of heart

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

13. But if it be a sin to covet honour, / I am the most offending soul alive.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

14. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer / The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

15. Say that she frown, I'll say she looks as clear / As morning roses newly wash'd with dew:

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

16. I shall laugh myself to death at this puppy-headed / monster. A most scurvy monster!

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

17. Nativity, once in the main of light, / Crawls to maturity, wherewith being crown'd,
Crooked ellipses 'gainst his glory fight, / And Time that gave doth now his gift confound.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

18. You seem to me as Dian in her orb, / As chaste as is the bud ere it be blown;

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

19. O, she is fallen / Into a pit of ink, that the wide sea / Hath drops too few to wash her clean again
And salt too little which may season give / To her foul-tainted flesh!

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

20. But yesterday the word of Caesar might / Have stood against the world; now lies he there.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

21. So are you to my thoughts as food to life, / Or as sweet-season'd showers are to the ground;

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

22. Wilt thou draw near the nature of the gods? / Draw near them then in being merciful:
Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge: / Thrice noble Titus, spare my first-born son.

What technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

23. You are a thousand times a properer man / Than she a woman: 'tis such fools as you
That makes the world full of ill-favour'd children

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Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer