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Figurative Language Definitions

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| 1. a figure of speech in which a term or phrase is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable in order to suggest a resemblance, as in “A mighty fortress is our God.” | A. Simile |
| 2. a figure of speech in which two unlike things are explicitly compared, as in “she is like a rose.” | B. Allusion |
| 3. referencing an outside work to make a comparison or bring up an idea | C. Foreshadowing |
| 4. the repetition of sounds at the beginning of words that are adjacent or close to one another | D. Personification |
| 5. the attribution of human nature or character to animals, inanimate objects, or abstract notions | E. Hyperbole |
| 6. the formation of a word, such as cuckoo, meow, honk, or boom, by imitation of a sound | F. Repetition |
| 7. using words to form mental images, figures, or likenesses of things for a purpose | G. Onomatopoeia |
| 8. repeating a word or phrase for rhetorical effect | H. Theme |
| 9. obvious and intentional exaggeration | I. Metaphor |
| 10. a technique of indicating, as through character or plot development, an intention or attitude opposite to that which is actually or ostensibly stated. | J. Alliteration |
| 11. to show or indicate beforehand that an element of the plot will occur | K. Symbolism |
| 12. the unifying or dominant idea of a text | L. Irony |
| 13. the practice of representing things by symbols, or of investing things with a symbolic meaning or character | M. Imagery |