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Analysis of Figurative Language in “The Jacket” by Gary Soto

Figurative Language

Figurative language refers to any language that uses images or language that makes different kinds of comparisons. Examples of figurative language include imagery, metaphor, simile, personification, and hyperbole. For the purpose of this lesson, we will be focusing on identifying and analyzing similes, metaphors, and personification in “The Jacket.”

Simile: A comparison of two unlike things, using the words *like* or *as*.

Example: *She made little sounds like a kitten mewling.*

Metaphor: A direct comparison of two unlike things, without using the words *like* or *as*.

Example: *The hurricane was a huge beast trying to devour us.*

Personification: Giving human-like qualities or characteristics to an animal, object, or idea.

Example: *The tropical storm slept for two days.*



Directions:

1. Analyze Gary Soto’s use of figurative language in “The Jacket.” Go through each paragraph to find examples of similes, metaphors, and personification. Follow the procedure below for each example of similes, metaphors, and personification you find in the text.

- For each simile you find in the text, underline the two things being compared, and put a triangle around the word *like* or *as*.

**Example: She made little sounds  a kitten mewling.

- For each metaphor you find in the text, put a rectangle around the two things being compared.

**Example: The  was a huge  trying to devour us.

- For each example of personification you find in the text, underline the animal, object, or idea that is being personified, and circle the human-like characteristic or quality that is being given to it.

**Example: The tropical storm  for two days.

2. Using the chart on the back of this page, list the examples of similes, metaphors, and personification that you found in the story.

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