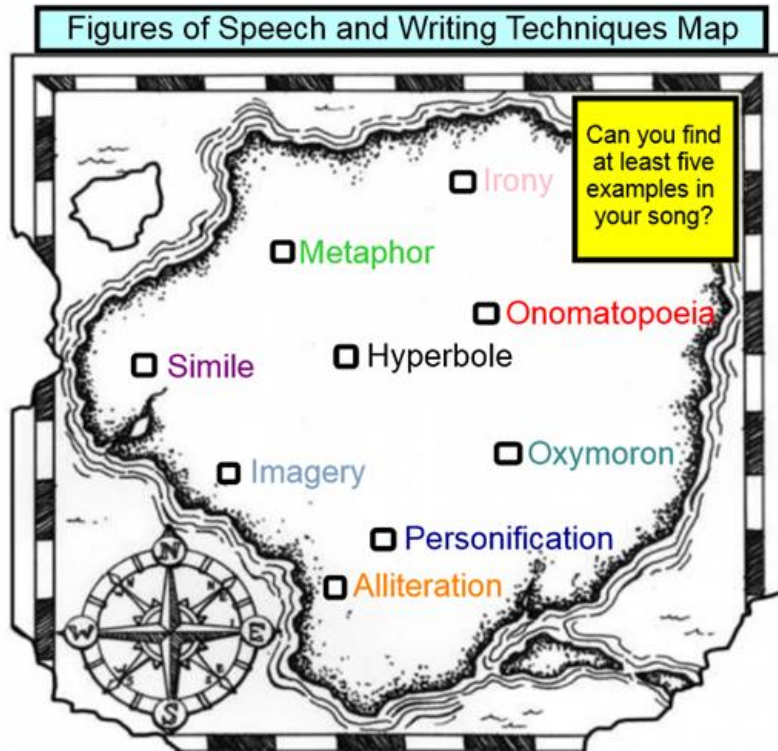


Lyric Scavenger Hunt Activity

1. Choose your favorite song.
2. Listen to it.
3. Read the **KEY** below this map and locate each term.



KEY

Simile – Comparing two unlike things using the words like or as. Vanson is as smart as a fox. My new car is like grass; it's bright green and smells fresh.

Metaphor – Comparing two things without using like or as. Vanson is a smart fox.

Alliteration – Words that start with the same letter, grouped together. Delicate, detailed designs.

Onomatopoeia – Words that are written like the sounds they make. Boom, crash, zap, pow!

Personification – Giving human qualities to non-human things. The river danced. Whispering wind.

Oxymoron – Two words together that are opposite in meaning. Jumbo-shrimp, bittersweet.

Imagery – Detailed writing that appeals to the five senses. Warm breezes tickled my nose and smelled of roasted marshmallows.

Hyperbole – A huge exaggeration. I died of embarrassment.

Irony – A situation or statement that is the opposite of what's expected. I LOVE going to the dentist or a pilot that is afraid of heights.

4. Click on the various video links below (HERE) to learn more about the nine figures of speech and techniques of writing that are located on the map. They offer examples and further explanation of what song writers (and all authors) use to bring their writing pieces to life!

Intro to Simile, Metaphor and Personification - Click [HERE](#)

Intro to Alliteration, Hyperbole, Irony, Metaphor, and Oxymoron Click - [HERE](#) (Scroll down once there)

Intro to Alliteration, Onomatopoeia, Imagery and Irony – Click [HERE](#)

Intro to Imagery - Click [HERE](#)

Intro to Personification - Click [HERE](#)

Metaphor examples through song - Click [HERE](#)

Simile examples through song - Click [HERE](#)

Other examples through song - Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

5. Listen to your song again while thinking about what you've learned.
6. Locate a version of your song choice with lyrics that scroll through as you listen.
7. Find just the lyrics of your song.
8. Go through line by line, hunting for examples from the figures of speech and writing techniques map.

Your challenge is to find at least 5 examples from the map! If you find two of any one figure of speech, that counts as two towards your five. If you search and can't uncover five examples, switch up your song. Good luck!

Ms. Stewart's Song Choice and Scavenger Hunt Results

Click [HERE](#) to hear Metallica's version of Turn the Page (originally by Bob Seger).

Turn the Page

[Bob Seger](#)

On a long and lonesome highway
East of Omaha
You can listen to the engine
Moanin' out his one note song
You can think about the woman
Or the girl you knew the night before
But your thoughts will soon be wandering
The way they always do

When you're ridin' sixteen hours
And there's nothin' much to do
And you don't feel much like ridin',
You just wish the trip was through

Here I am
On the road again
There I am
Up on the stage
Here I go
Playin' star again
There I go
Turn the page

Well you walk into a restaurant,
Strung out from the road
And you feel the eyes upon you
As you're shakin' off the cold
You pretend it doesn't bother you

But you just want to explode
Most times you can't hear 'em talk,
Other times you can
All the same old cliches,
"Is that a woman or a man?"
And you always seem outnumbered,
You don't dare make a stand

Here I am
On the road again
There I am
Up on the stage
Here I go
Playin' star again
There I go
Turn the page

Out there in the spotlight
You're a million miles away
Every ounce of energy
You try to give away
As the sweat pours out your body
Like the music that you play
Later in the evening
As you lie awake in bed
With the echoes from the amplifiers
Ringin' in your head
You smoke the day's last cigarette,
Rememberin' what she said

What I found:

3 **Alliteration** - “long and lonesome”, “million miles”, “don’t dare”

2 **Personification** - “the engine moanin’ out his one note song”, “thoughts will soon be wandering”

1 **Simile** - “as the sweat pours out your body **LIKE** the music that you make”

1 **Metaphor** - “turn the page” The author/song writer is comparing his life to a book. Each day is like a page. He wakes up and turns the page on a new day that is just like the day before as he’s on the road performing.

1 **Hyperbole** - “you just want to **explode**” He isn’t really going to explode; he is just very frustrated.

4 **Imagery** - “echoes of the amplifiers ringin’ in your head”, “out there in the spotlight”, “hear the engine moanin’”, “as you’re shakin’ off the cold” These phrases use our senses to draw attention to detail in the lyrics. The sense of sight, touch and hearing are used.

9. Write a reflection on your scavenger hunt experience. Would you recommend your song for someone else to listen to? Why? Which figure of speech will you try to use in your next writing piece? Try to use one in this reflection. What is your song really about? Is there a secret meaning? What do you know about the author? Did the performer write the song?

Ms. Stewart’s Reflection

I love this song! Metallica has an edge that really pumps me up. Turning the page is like starting a new day. Isn’t it great that we have the chance each morning to start fresh? To make new choices. To make someone’s day. To try something new. Our life is a book and we are the authors. Music is one part of my story that makes me smile. Sometimes I feel like I’d rather eat rocks than scrub my floors but that is just hyperbole my friends. A huge exaggeration. If I play a little Turn the Page, the Mr. Clean flows, and I feel like I can accomplish anything. I encourage you listen to my song and see if you can find anything I’ve missed. From now on when listening to your music, reading or watching just about any type of television production be aware of the techniques that authors use to captivate your attention.

10. Over the following two weeks, keep a running list of songs you discover that are rich with figurative language and writing techniques. Feel free to email us so we can listen to your song suggestions (a little alliteration there...)! Discuss this assignment with your family and see what their favorite songs are too.

