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#### **EXERCISE 1** PARTS OF SPEECH

Identify the p verb = v preposition =	parts of speech in the following sentences. Label the underlined words: noun = n adjective = adj adverb = adv prep pronoun = pron interjection = int conjunction = conj
1.	Smoke drifted lazily from a <u>multitude</u> of quaint chimneys.
2.	Almost every day the newspapers printed accounts of a <u>decisive</u> victory.
3.	Others spoke of tattered and <u>eternally</u> hungry men who fired despondent powders.
4.	The youth, on guard duty one night, conversed across the stream with <u>one</u> of them.
5.	This sentiment, floating to him <u>upon</u> the still air, had made him temporarily regret war.
6.	He had grown to regard <u>himself</u> merely as a part of a vast blue demonstration
7.	The youth of this tale <u>felt</u> gratitude for these words of his comrade.
8.	It was often that he suspected them to be liars.
9.	After a time the brigade was halted in the <u>cathedral</u> light of a forest.
10.	Still, he could not put a whole faith in veterans' tales, <u>for</u> recruits were their prey.
11.	"Gawd! Saunders's got crushed!" whispered the man at the youth's elbow.
12.	He resembled a man who had come <u>from</u> bed to go to a fire.
13.	The man who had sprawled upon the ground started up and said, "Gosh!"
14.	The flag was sometimes eaten and lost in this mass of vapor, <u>but</u> more often it projected, sun-touched, resplendent.
15.	They moved their stiffened bodies slowly, and watched in sullen mood the frantic approach of the enemy.

#### EXERCISE 1 **PARTS OF SPEECH** The clouds were tinged an earthlike yellow in the sunrays an in the **16.** shadow were a sorry blue. 17. He was being looked at by a dead man who was seated with his back against a columnlike tree. He imagined some strange voice would come from the dead throat and 18. squawk after in horrible menaces. 19. Over the gray skin of the face ran little ants. 20. He feared that if he turned his back the body might spring up and stealthily pursue him. They had taken themselves and the enemy very seriously and had imagined 21. that they were deciding the war. His hands were bloody from where he had pressed them upon his wound. 22. The simple questions of the tattered man had been knife thrusts to him. 23. 24. A murmuring of voices broke upon the air. **25.** The corpse-hued faces were hidden behind fists that twisted slowly in the eye sockets.

#### **EXERCISE 2** PROOFREADING: SPELLING, CAPITALIZATION, PUNCTUATION

Read the following passages, and decide which type of error, if any, appears in each underlined section.

#### PASSAGE 1 PASSAGE 2

		o swear before the assemblage.	The man scre	amed: <u>L</u>	et go me! Let go me!"
	(1)		(/***	••	(1)
He had just put	a costly	y board <u>floor in his house he said</u> .	"Why – why.	" stute	erred the youth. (2)
During the earl	v Snrin	g, he had refrained from adding	"Wall than!"	hawlad t	the man in a lurid Rage.
During the carr	(3)	g, he had reframed from adding	wen, then.	<u>Dawicu t</u>	(3)
extensively to tl	` '	ort of his envirnment because	He adroitly a	nd fiercel	ly swung his rifle. It
extensively to the	ic comi	(4)	iic automy at	(4)	
he had felt that	t the arr	ny might start on the march at	crushed upon		hs head. The man ran
	(5)	<u>,</u>	er women upon	(5)	<u> </u>
at any moment.		e he had been impressed	on. The youtl		's had turned to paste
v		(6)			(6)
that they were i	in a sort	of eternal camp.	upon the othe	r's arm.	
1.	a.	Spelling	1.	a.	Spelling
	b.	Capitalization		b.	Capitalization
	c.	Punctuation		c.	Punctuation
	d.	No error		d.	No error
2.	a.	Spelling	2.	a.	Spelling
	b.	Capitalization		b.	Capitalization
	c.	Punctuation		c.	Punctuation
	d.	No error		d.	No error
3.	a.	Spelling	3.	a.	Spelling
	b.	Capitalization		b.	Capitalization
	c.	Punctuation		c.	Punctuation
	d.	No error		d.	No error
4.	a.	Spelling	4.	a.	Spelling
	b.	Capitalization		b.	<b>Capitalization</b>
	c.	Punctuation		c.	Punctuation
	d.	No error		d.	No error
5.	a.	Spelling error	5.	a.	Spelling
	b.	Capitalization		b.	<b>Capitalization</b>
	c.	Punctuation		c.	Punctuation
	d.	No error		d.	No error
6.	a.	Spelling error	6.	a.	Spelling
	<b>b.</b>	<b>Capitalization</b>		<b>b.</b>	<b>Capitalization</b>
	c.	Punctuation		c.	Punctuation
	d.	No error		d.	No error
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#### **EXERCISE 3** PROOFREADING: SPELLING, CAPITALIZATION, AND PUNCTUATION

Read the following passages, and decide which type of error, if any, appears in each underlined section.

#### PASSAGE 1 PASSAGE 2

The regime station unti	(1) Int was fed a  I the youth  There was  (4)	ton his spirit had soared.  and carresed at station after (2)  had beleived that he must (3) a lavish expenditure of bread  and pickles and cheese.	Battle was gr (2) had floated t	cowing lou o the still (3) o, was app	the furnace roar of the ider. Great brown clouds height's of air before him roaching. The woods eilds became dotted.
123.	a. b. c. d. a. b. c. d. a. d.	Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error  Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error  Spelling Capitalization Punctuation	1. 2. 3.	a. b. c. d. a. b. c. d. a. d.	Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error  Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error  Spelling Capitalization Punctuation
4.	a. b. c. d. a. b. c.	Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error  Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error	4.	a. b. c. d. a. b. c.	Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error  Spelling Capitalization Punctuation No error

#### **EXERCISE 4** SIMPLE, COMPOUND, AND COMPLEX SENTENCES

Label each of the following sentences S for simple, C for compound, CX for complex, or CC for compound/complex.

1.	The cold passed reluctantly from the earth, and the retiring fogs revealed an army stretched out on the hills, resting.
2.	His smooth face was flushed, and his hands were thrust sulkily into his trousers' pockets.
3.	Secular and religious education had effaced the throat-grappling instinct, or else firm finance held in check the passions.
4.	His province was to look out, as far as he could, for his personal comfort.
5.	They talked much of smoke, fire, and blood, but he could not tell how much might be lies.
6.	He had feared that all of the untried men possessed a great and correct confidence.
7.	Now, with the newborn question in his mind, he was compelled to sink back into his old place as part of a blue demonstration.
8.	He reluctantly admitted that he could not sit still and with a mental slate and pencil derive an answer.
9.	He was convicted by himself of many shameful crimes against the gods of traditions.
10.	At last he heard from along the road at the foot of the hill the clatter of a horse's galloping hoofs.
11.	From this little distance the many fires, with the black forms of men passing to and fro before the crimson rays, made weird and satanic effects
12.	He stared at the red, shivering reflection of a fire on the white wall of his tent until, exhausted and ill from the monotony of his suffering, he fell asleep.
13.	In the morning they were routed out with early energy, and hustled along a narrow road that led deep into the forest.

# **EXERCISE 4** SIMPLE, COMPOUND, AND COMPLEX SENTENCES

14.	Presently few carried anything but their necessary clothing, blankets, haversacks, canteens, and arms and ammunition.
15.	His canteen banged rhythmically upon his thigh, and his haversack bobbed softly.
16.	The regiment slid down a bank and wallowed across a little stream.
17.	Through the aisles of the wood could be seen the floating smoke from their rifles.
18.	With the passionate song of the bullets and banshee shrieks of shells were mingled loud catcalls and bits of facetious advice concerning places of safety.
19.	After a time the sound of musketry grew faint and the cannon boomed in the distance.
20.	The blue lines shifted and changed a trifle and stared expectantly at the silent woods and fields before them.
21.	He was listening with eagerness and much humility to the lurid descriptions of a bearded sergeant.
22.	The army, helpless in the matted thickets and blinded by the overhanging night, was going to be swallowed.
23.	He was trudging along with stooped shoulders and shifting eyes like a man who has been caned and kicked.
24.	The youth was pushed and jostled for a moment before he understood the movement at all, but directly he lunged ahead and began to run.
25.	Then, above the sounds of the outside commotion, arose the roar of the

#### **EXERCISE 5** COMPLEMENTS

Identify the complements in each of the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

	d.o. = direct object p.n. = predicate nominative p.a. = predicate adjective o.p. = object of preposition
1.	He adopted the important <u>air</u> of a herald in red and gold.
2.	The only foes he had seen were some <u>pickets</u> along the river bank.
3.	Various veterans had told <u>him</u> tales.
4.	It had suddenly appeared to him that perhaps in a battle he might run.
5.	The youth remained silent for a time.
6.	The men were whispering <u>speculations</u> and recounting the old <u>rumors.</u>
7.	The youth grew impatient.
8.	He was despondent and sullen, and threw shifting glances about him.
9.	He was a mental <u>outcast</u> .
10	Out of this <u>haze</u> they could see running men.
11.	. Its motion as it fell was a <u>gesture</u> of despair.
12	Through the trees he watched the black <u>figures</u> of gunners as they worked swiftly and intently.
13	He was obliged to walk upon bog <u>tufts</u> and watch his feet to keep from the oily mire.
14	Everything seemed to be listening to the <u>crackle</u> and <u>clatter</u> and ear- shaking <u>thunder</u> .
15	One of the wounded men had a shoeful of blood.
16	The torn bodies expressed the awful <u>machinery</u> in which the men had been entangled.
17.	. The tall soldier held out his gory hand.

#### **EXERCISE 5** COMPLEMENTS

18.	He became again the grim, stalking specter of a soldier.
19.	The youth turned once to look at the lashing <u>riders</u> and jouncing <u>guns</u> of the battery.
20.	The tattered man looked at him in gaping amazement.
21.	In reply the youth climbed a fence and started away.
22.	The music of the trampling feet, the sharp voices, the clanking arms of the column near <u>him</u> made him soar on the red wings of war.
23.	His face was <u>livid</u> and his eyes were rolling uncontrolled.
24.	On the other side of the fire the youth observed an <u>officer</u> asleep, seated bolt upright, with his back against a tree.
25.	He had been an <u>animal</u> blistered and sweating in the heat and pain of war.

#### EXERCISE 6 PHRASES

par = partic prep = prep	
1.	As the landscape changed from brown to green, the army awakened, and began to tremble with eagerness at the noise of rumors.
2.	He came flying back from a brook waving his garment bannerlike.
3.	From his home his youthful eyes had looked <u>upon the war in his own country with distrust.</u>
4.	He had long despaired of witnessing a Greeklike struggle.
5.	He sprang from the bunk and began to pace nervously to and fro.
6.	Staring once at the red eyes across the river, he conceived them to be growing larger, as the orbs of a row of dragons advancing.
7.	War, the red animal, war, the blood-swollen god, would have bloated fill
8.	The men began to speak of victory as of a thing they knew.
9.	Spread over the grass and in among the tree trunks, he could see knots and waving lines of skirmishers who were running hither and thither and firing at the landscape.
10.	A house standing placidly in distant fields had to him an ominous look.
11.	They were marched from place to place with apparent aimlessness.
12.	In the afternoon the regiment went out <u>over the same ground</u> it had taken in the morning.
13.	The tall soldier, having prepared his rifle, produced a red handkerchief of some kind.
14.	Across the smoke-infested fields came a brown swarm of running men who were giving shrill yells.
15.	It was a mysterious fraternity born of the smoke and danger of death.

#### **EXERCISE 6** PHRASES

16.	He wished to rush forward and strangle with his fingers.
17.	He craved a power that would enable him to make a world-sweeping gesture and brush all back.
18.	Farther up the line a man, <u>standing behind a</u> tree, had had his knee joint splintered by a ball.
19.	As he gazed around him the youth felt a flash of astonishment at the blue, pure sky and the sun gleaming on the trees and fields.
20.	He wished that he, too, had a wound, a red badge of courage.
21.	Great brown clouds had floated to the still heights of air before him.
22.	A warm and strong hand clasped the youth's languid fingers for an instant, and then he heard a cheerful and audacious whistling as the man strode away.
23.	There was a sudden sinking of his forces.
24.	It was the dominant animal failing to remember in the supreme moments the forceful causes of various superficial qualities.
25.	The men, <u>listening with bated breath</u> , now turned their curious eyes upon the colonel.

#### EXERCISE 7 VERBALS: GERUNDS, INFINITIVES, AND PARTICIPLES

Identify the underlined verbals in the following sentences as being either a ger (gerund), par (participle), or infin (infinitive). Also, indicate the usage of the verbal by labeling the word or phrase as follows:

<pre>subj = subject o.p. = object of preposition</pre>		<pre>d.o. = direct object p.n. = predicate nominative</pre>	adv = adverb adj = adjective
<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Usage</u>		

<u>verbai</u>	Usage	
	1. 2.	A corporal began to swear before the assemblage. From the stories, the youth imagined the red, live bones sticking out through slits in the faded uniforms.
	3.	His province was to look out, as far as he could, for his personal comfort.
	4.	He tried to mathematically prove to himself that he would not run from a battle.
	5.	From off in the darkness came the trampling of feet.
	6.	He began to stow various articles snugly into his knapsack.
	7.	It must be the coming of orders.
	8.	From the road came <u>creakings and grumblings</u> as some surly guns were dragged away.
	9.	The <u>rushing</u> yellow of the <u>developing</u> day went on behind their backs.
	10.	After a time they began to shed their knapsacks.
	11.	The regiment, relieved of a burden, received a new impetus.
	12.	Some wished to fight like duelists, believing it to be correct to stand erect and be, from their feet to their foreheads, a mark.
	13.	The line, <u>broken into moving fragments by the ground</u> , went calmly on through fields and woods.
	14.	He accepted new environment and circumstance with great coolness, eating from his haversack at every opportunity.

#### **EXERCISE 7** VERBALS: GERUNDS, INFINITIVES, AND PARTICIPLES

Verbal	Usage	
	15.	Near it were the <u>blurred and agitated</u> forms of troops.
	16.	A shell <u>screaming like a storm banshee</u> went over the huddled heads of the reserves.
	17.	There was <u>rustling</u> and <u>muttering</u> among the men.
	18.	He was engaged in <u>knotting it about his throat with exquisite</u> <u>attention to its position</u> , when the cry was repeated up and down the line in a muffled roar of sound.
	19.	The men <u>bending and surging</u> in their haste and rage were in every impossible attitude.
	20.	The battle was like <u>the grinding of an immense and terrible</u> <u>machine to him.</u>
	21.	There was a tattered man, <u>fouled with dust</u> , <u>blood and powder</u> <u>stain from hair to shoes</u> , who trudged quietly at the youth's side.
	22.	They occupied themselves again in <u>dragging their own</u> <u>tragedies toward the rear.</u>
	23.	A serious prophet upon predicting a flood should be the first man to climb a tree.
	24.	The youth, after <u>rushing about and throwing interrogations</u> <u>at the heedless bands of retreating infantry,</u> finally clutched a man by the arm.
	25.	He was afraid to move rapidly, however, for a dread of disturbing it.

# EXERCISE 8 CLAUSES

<b>Indicate how</b>	the underlined c	lauses are used in the senten	ices below. Label the clauses:	
subj = subject		d.o. = direct object	p.n. = predicate nominative	
o.p. = object	of preposition	adj = adjective	adv = adverb	
1.		nished, the blue-clothed men between the rows of squat b		
2.	Meanwhile, the much important	soldier <u>who had fetched the</u> ce.	rumor bustled about with	
3.	He lay down on	a wide bunk that stretched across the end of the room.		
4.	0	as fed and caressed at station the must be a hero.	n after station until the youth	
5.	Whatever he ha	d learned of himself was her	re of no avail.	
6.	He found that h	could establish nothing.		
7.		ng the youth assured himsel aly and fearfully assaulted fo	If that at any moment they rom the caves of the lowering	
8.	0	ch the ardor which the yout rapidly faded to nothing.	h had acquired when out of	
9.		ne had caught him with its when he might have gone roaring	wild swing as he came to the gon.	
10.	He thought that	he must break from the ran	nks and harangue his comrades.	
11.		new regiment watched and l in gossip of the battle.	listened eagerly, while their	
12.	They mouthed r	umors <u>that had flown like b</u>	oirds out of the unknown.	
13.	<u></u>	er sped his horse after the force earth like a sun.	irst messenger, the general	
14.	He wondered w	hat they would remark whe	n later he appeared in camp.	

#### **EXERCISE 8** CLAUSES

15.	While he had been tossed by many emotions, he had not been aware of ailments.
16.	He wished that it was an engine of annihilating power.
17.	As he passed through each curling mass the youth wondered <u>what would</u> <u>confront him on the farther side.</u>
18.	Fewer bullets ripped the air, and finally, when the men slackened to learn of the fight, they could see only dark, floating smoke.
19.	The men curled into depressions and fitted themselves snugly behind whatever would frustrate a bullet.
20.	It was perhaps that they dreaded to be killed in insignificant ways after the times for proper military deaths had passed.
21.	The stolid trees, where much had taken place, seemed incredibly near.
22.	He wondered at the number of emotions and events that had been crowded into such little spaces.
23.	As the regiment lay heaving from its hot exertions the officer who had named them as mule drivers came galloping along the line.
24.	When assaulted again by bullets, the men burst out in a barbaric cry of rage and pain.
25.	He saw his vivid error, and he was afraid <u>that it would stand before him all his life.</u>

#### **EXERCISE 9** STYLE: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Identify the figurative language in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

<i>p</i> = personi	fication $s = simile$ $m = metaphor$ $o = onomatopoeia$
1.	They mouthed rumors that had flown <u>like birds out of the unknown.</u>
2.	Tents sprang up <u>like strange plants.</u>
3.	Camp fires, like red, peculiar blossoms, dotted the night.
4.	There were some little fields girted and squeezed by a forest.
5.	The sound of monotonous axe blows rang through the forest, and the insects, nodding upon their perches, crooned like old women.
6.	They were going to look at war, the red animal war, the blood-swollen god.
7.	The din became crescendo, like the roar of an oncoming train.
8.	A shell screaming <u>like a storm banshee</u> went over the huddled heads of reserves.
9.	The colonel, perchance to relieve his feelings, began to scold <u>like a wet parrot.</u>
10.	The guns squatted in a row like savage chiefs.
11.	The noises of the battle were <u>like stones</u> ; he believed himself liable to be crushed
12.	The cannon with their noses poked slantingly at the ground grunted and grumbled like stout men, brave but with objections to hurry.
13.	The creepers, catching against his legs, cried out harshly as their sprays were torn from the barks of trees.
14.	When he separated embraces of trees and vines the disturbed foliages waved their arms and turned their face leaves toward him.
15.	The red sun was pasted in the sky like a wafer.

# **EXERCISE 9** STYLE: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

16.	Sometimes the brambles formed chains and tried to hold him back.		
17.	The trees began softly to sing a hymn of twilight.		
18.	Everything seemed to be listening to the <u>crackle and clatter</u> and ear-shaking thunder.		
19.	The white-topped wagons strained and stumbled in their exertions <u>like fat sheep.</u>		
20.	He was a slang phrase.		
21.	Occasional bullets <u>buzzed</u> in the air and <u>spanged</u> into tree trunks.		
22.	The youth's ears were filled cups.		
23.	Upon his aching and swelling head the cold cloth was <u>like a tender woman's hand.</u>		
24.	They charged down upon him <u>like terrified buffaloes.</u>		
25.	He was stabbed, but his tongue lay dead in the tomb of his mouth.		

#### **EXERCISE 10 STYLE: POETIC DEVICES**

\_\_\_\_11.

The author's main challenge in a work that describes war is how to convey action with words. Stephen Crane uses poetic devices to infuse his sentences with energy, rhythm, and movement. Examples:

	An officer's peremptory tenor rang out and quickened the stiffened movement of the men.
Consonance:	The guns, stolid and undaunted, spoke with dogged valor. The flag suddenly sank down as if dying.
	Also, he was drilled and drilled and reviewed, and drilled and drilled and reviewed. There was a mighty song of clashes and crashes, that went sweeping through the woods.
Identify the p	oetic devices used in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:
a. assonance	b. consonance c. alliteration d. repetition e. rhyme
1.	The tall soldier felt called upon to defend the <u>truth of a rumor</u> .
	There was a youthful private who listened with eager ears to the words of the tall soldier and to the varied <u>comments</u> of his <u>comrades</u> .
3.	He had put them <u>as things</u> of the bygone with <u>his</u> thought- <u>images</u> of heavy <u>crowns</u> and high <u>castles</u> .
4.	It was a <u>strange</u> pause, and a <u>strange</u> silence.
5.	Equipments hung on handy projections, and some tin dishes lay upon a small <u>pile</u> of f <u>irewood</u> .
6.	They tumbled teams about with a <u>fine feeling</u> .
7.	Another figure at that moment <u>loomed</u> in the <u>gloom.</u>
8.	The regiment was fed and caressed at <u>station</u> after <u>station</u> until the youth had believed that he must be hero.
9.	He could see himself in a room of warm tints telling tales to listeners.
10.	The insect voices of the night <u>sang solemnly.</u>

Elfin thoughts must have exaggerated and enlarged everything, he said.

#### EXERCISE 10 STYLE: POETIC DEVICES Through the aisles of the wood could be seen the floating smoke from 12. their rifles. 13. It was as if a clumsy clod had trod upon his toes and he conceived it to be his privilege, his duty, to use deep, resentful oaths. 14. He wished, without reserve, that he was at home again making the endless rounds from the house to the barn, from the barn to the fields, from the fields to the barn, from the barn to the house. But, from his present point of view, there was a halo of happiness about 15. each of their heads, and he would have sacrificed all the brass buttons on the continent to have been enabled to return to them. A knowledge of its faded and jaded condition made the charge appear like 16. a paroxysm, a display of the strength that comes before a final feebleness. **17.** Once he saw a tiny battery go dashing along the line of the horizon. The tiny riders were beating the tiny horses. **18.** The tattered man looked at him in gaping amazement. 19. He felt that he was a fine fellow. 20. The youth went slowly toward the fire indicated by his departed friend. 21. The regiment, involved like a cart involved in mud and muddle, started unevenly with many jolts and jerks. 22. Great brown clouds had floated to the still heights of air before him. 23. He turned toward the tattered man as one at bay. 24. The tattered man shrank back abashed.

A hot sun had blazed upon the spot.

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#### **EXERCISE 11 STYLE: SENSORY IMAGERY**

Identify the t a. sight	ype of sensory imagery in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:  b. sound c. touch d. taste e. smell.
1.	The air was <u>heavy</u> , and <u>cold with dew.</u>
2.	A mass of wet grass, marched upon, <u>rustled like silk.</u>
3.	The odor of the peaceful pines was in the men's nostrils.
4.	He was aware that these battalions with their commotions <u>were woven</u> red and <u>startling into the gentle fabric of softened greens and browns.</u>
5.	The tall one, red-faced, <u>swallowed another sandwich as if taking poison</u> <u>in despair.</u>
6.	Smoke clouds went slowly and insolently across the fields like observant phantoms.
7.	Wild yells came from behind the walls of smoke.
8.	With the <u>passionate song of the bullets and banshee shrieks of shells</u> were mingled <u>loud catcalls and bits of facetious advice</u> concerning places of safety.
9.	He grasped his canteen and took a long swallow of the warmed water.
10.	Here and there were flags, the red in the stripes dominating.
11.	He thoughtfully mopped his <u>reeking features.</u>
12.	The moon had been lighted and hung in a treetop.
13.	From this little distance the many fires, with the black forms of men passing to and fro before the crimson rays, made weird and satanic effects.
14.	The wounded men were <u>cursing</u> , <u>groaning</u> , <u>and wailing</u> .
15.	A warm and strong hand clasped the youth's languid fingers for an instant, and then he heard a cheerful and audacious whistling as the man strode away.

# EXERCISE 11 STYLE: SENSORY IMAGERY 16. The leaves of the overhanging maple rustled with melody in the wind of youthful summer. 17. He was very busy marshaling the little black vagabonds of tin cups and pouring into them the streaming, iron colored mixture from a small and sooty tin pail. 18. The warm comfort of the blanket enveloped him and made a gentle languor. 19. He tilted his head afar back and held the canteen long to his lips. The cool mixture went caressingly down his blistered throat. 20. The bugles called to each other like brazen gamecocks. 21. The flames bit him, and the hot smoke broiled his skin. 22. A cloud of dark smoke, as from smoldering ruins, went up toward the sun now bright and gay in the blue enameled sky. 23. The song of the bullets was in the air and shells snarled among the tree-tops. 24. A glaring fire wine-tinted the waters of the river. 25. The youth sat down obediently and the corporal, laying aside his rifle, began to fumble in the bushy hair of his comrade.

#### EXERCISE 12 ALLUSIONS

Identify the a. historical	type of allusion or symbol in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:  b. mythological c. religious d. literary e. folklore/superstition
1.	He had long despaired of witnessing a <b>Greeklike struggle</b> .
2.	Tales of great movements shook the land. They might not be distinctly <u>Homeric</u> , but there seemed to be much glory in them.
3.	He had fought like a pagan who defends his religion.
4.	Some talked of gray, bewhiskered hordes who were advancing with relentless curses and chewing tobacco with unspeakable valor; tremendous bodies of fierce soldiery who were sweeping along like the <u>Huns</u> .
5.	Staring once at the red eyes across the river, he conceived them to be growing larger, as the orbs of a row of <u>dragons</u> advancing.
6.	A moment later the regiment went swinging off into the darkness. It was now like one of those moving <u>monsters</u> wending with many feet.
7.	The sky overhead was of a <u>fairy</u> blue.
8.	Nevertheless, the <b>ghost</b> of his flight from the first engagement appeared to him and danced.
9.	"You talk as if you thought you was Napoleon Bonaparte!"
10.	After a time the brigade was halted in the cathedral light of a forest.
11.	A shell screaming like a storm <u>banshee</u> went over the huddled heads of the reserves
12.	But his wounds always made it seem that his feet were retarded, held, and he fough a grim fight, as with invisible ghouls fastened greedily upon his limbs.
13.	Buried in the smoke of many rifles his anger was directed not so much against the men who he knew were rushing toward him as against the swirling battle <u>phantoms</u> which were choking him, stuffing their smoke robes down his parched throat.
14.	The rifles, once loaded, were jerked to the shoulder and fired without apparent aim into the smoke or at one of the blurred and shifting forms which, upon the field before the regiment, had been growing larger and larger like puppets under a magician's hand.

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15.	The slaves toiling in the temple of this god began to feel rebellion at his harsh tasks
16.	He caught changing views of the ground covered with men who were all running like pursued <u>imps</u> , and yelling.
17.	This din of musketry on the right, growing like a released <u>genie</u> of sound, expressed and emphasized the army's plight.
18.	He had slept and, awakening, found himself a knight.
19.	He felt vaguely that death must make a first choice of the men who were nearest; the initial morsels for the <u>dragons</u> would be then those who were following him.
20.	At length he reached a place where the high, arching boughs made a chapel.
21.	The trees began softly to sing a <u>hymn</u> of twilight.
22.	There was something <u>ritelike</u> in these movements of the doomed soldier. And there was a resemblance in him to a <u>devotee of a mad religion</u> , blood-sucking, musclewrenching, bone-crushing.
23.	Indeed, he saw a picture of himself, dust-stained, haggard, panting, flying to the front at the proper moment to seize and throttle the dark, leering <u>witch</u> of calamity.
24.	Yet they would receive <u>laurels</u> from tradition.
25.	In the search which followed, the man of the cheery voice seemed to the youth to possess a wand of a magic kind.

#### EXERCISE 13 STYLE: LITERARY ANALYSIS – SELECTED PASSAGE 1

#### Read the following passage the first time through for meaning. (From Chapter V)

The guns squatted in a row like savage chiefs. They argued with abrupt violence. It was a grim pow-wow. Their busy servants ran hither and thither.

A small procession of wounded men were going drearily toward the rear. It was a flow of blood from the torn body of the brigade.

To the right and to the left were the dark lines of other troops. Far in front he thought he could see lighter masses protruding in points from the forest. They were suggestive of unnumbered thousands

Once he saw a tiny battery go dashing along the line of the horizon. The tiny riders were beating the tiny horses.

From a sloping hill came the sound of cheerings and clashes. Smoke welled slowly through the leaves. Batteries were speaking with thunderous oratorical effort. Here and there were flags, the red in the stripes dominating. They splashed bits of warm color upon the dark lines of troops.

The youth felt the old thrill at the sight of the emblems. They were like beautiful birds strangely undaunted in a storm.

As he listened to the din from the hillside, to a deep pulsating thunder that came from afar to the left, and to the lesser clamors which came from many directions, it occurred to him that they were fighting, too, over there, and over there, and over there. Heretofore he had supposed that all the battle was directly under his nose.

As he gazed around him the youth felt a flash of astonishment at the blue, pure sky and the sun gleaming on the trees and fields. It was surprising that Nature had gone tranquilly on with her golden process in the midst of so much devilment.

Read the passage a second time, marking figurative language, sensory imagery, poetic devices, and any other patterns of diction and rhetoric, then answer the questions below.

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20	golden proce	ss in the midst of so much devilment.				
	1.	The underlined words in Line 2 are examples of a. assonance b. rhyme c. alliteration				
	2.	Line 1 contains an example of  a. metaphor and personification				
		b. simile and metaphor c. personification and simile				
	3.	All of the following descriptions are parallel in meaning EXCEPT a. a grim pow-wow (Line 2) b. pulsating thunder (Line 14) c. golden process (Line20) d. undaunted in a storm (Line 13)				
	4.	The underlined words in Line 3 are an example of a. assonance b. consonance c. alliteration				
	5.	In Line 3, the antecedent of the word <i>It</i> is a. rear b. procession c. men				
	6.	Line 10 contains an example of a. metaphor b. simile c. personification				

#### EXERCISE 14 STYLE: LITERARY ANALYSIS – SELECTED PASSAGE 2

#### Read the following passage the first time through for meaning. (From Chapter VIII)

As he ran, he became aware that the forest had stopped its music, as if at last becoming capable of hearing the foreign sounds. The trees hushed and stood motionless. Everything seemed to be listening to the crackle and clatter and ear-shaking thunder. The chorus pealed over the still earth.

It suddenly occurred to the youth that the fight in which he had been was, after all, but perfunctory popping. In the hearing of this present din he was doubtful if he had seen real battle scenes. This uproar explained a celestial battle; it was tumbling hordes a-struggle in the air.

Reflecting, he saw a sort of humor in the point of view of himself and his fellows during the late encounter. They had taken themselves and the enemy very seriously and had imagined that they were deciding the war. Individuals must have supposed that they were cutting the letters of their names deep into everlasting tablets of brass, or enshrining their reputations forever in the hearts of their countrymen, while, as to a fact, the affair would appear in printed reports under a meek and immaterial title. But he saw that it was good, else, he said, in battle every one would surely run save forlorn hopes and their ilk.

He went rapidly on. He wished to come to the edge of the forest that he might peer out.

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Sometimes the brambles formed chains and tried to hold him back. Trees, confronting him, stretched out their arms and forbade him to pass. After its previous hostility this new resistance of the forest filled him with a fine bitterness. It seemed that Nature could not be quite ready to kill him.

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	1. Lines 1 and 2 and 16 and 17 contain examples of a. metaphor b. simile c. personification						
	2.	The underlined word	ds in Line 3 are an ex b. onomatopoeia	c. simile			
	3.	The underlined word	ds in Lines 17 and 18 b. consonance	are examples of c. alliteration			
	4.	All of the following descriptions are parallel in meaning EXCEPT  a. The chorus pealed (Line 3)  b. perfunctory popping (Line 4)  c. celestial battle (Line 6)  d. immaterial trifle (Line 10)					
	5.	The underlined word a. assonance	ds in Line 9 are an ex b. consonance	cample of c. alliteration			
	6.	In Line 11, forlorn ha. allusion	opes is an example of b. euphemism	f c. paradox			

#### EXERCISE 15 STYLE: LITERARY ANALYSIS – SELECTED PASSAGE 3

#### Read the following passage the first time through for meaning. (From Chapter XI)

When he perceived again that it was not possible for the army to be defeated, he tried to bethink him of a fine tale which he could take back to his regiment, and with it turn the expected shafts of derision.

But, as he mortally feared these shafts, it became impossible for him to invent a tale he felt he could trust. He experimented with many schemes, but threw them aside one by one as flimsy. He was quick to see vulnerable places in them all.

Furthermore, he was much afraid that some arrow of scorn might lay him mentally low before he could raise his protecting tale.

He imagined the whole regiment saying: "Where's Henry Fleming? He run, didn't 'e? Oh, my!" He recalled various persons who would be quite sure to leave him no peace about it. They would doubtless question him with sneers, and laugh at his stammering hesitation. In the next engagement they would try to keep watch of him to discover when he would run.

Wherever he went in camp, he would encounter insolent and lingeringly cruel stares. As he imagined himself passing near a crowd of comrades, he could hear some one say, "There he goes!"

Then, as if the heads were moved by one muscle, all the faces were turned toward him with wide, derisive grins. He seemed to hear some one make a humorous remark in a low tone. At it the others all crowed and cackled. He was a slang phrase.

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1.	All of the following words describe the tone of the passage EXCEPT					
	a. remorse					
	b. paranoia c. fear					
	d. guilt					
2.	All of the following descriptions are parallel in meaning EXCEPT					
	a. expected shafts of derision (Line 2)					
	b. arrow of scorn (Line 6)					
	c. stammering hesitation (Line 10)					
	d. cruel stares (	Line 12)				
3.	All of the following descriptions are parallel in meaning EXCEPT					
	a. humorous remark/derisive grins					
	b. many schemes/protecting tale					
	c. vulnerable places/slang phrase					
4.	Line 16 contains an example of					
	a. metaphor	b. simile				
5.	Lines 14 and 15 contain an example of					
	a. metaphor	b. simile	c. personification			
6.	Line 6 contains an example of					
	a. metaphor	b. simile	c. personification			

#### EXERCISE 16 STYLE: LITERARY ANALYSIS – SELECTED PASSAGE 4

Read the following passage the first time through for meaning. (From Chapter XIV)

He heard then the noise of a fire crackling briskly in the cold air, and, turning his head, he saw his friend pottering busily about a small blaze. A few other figures moved in the fog, and he heard the hard cracking of axe blows.

Suddenly there was a hollow rumble of drums. A distant bugle sang faintly. Similar sounds, varying in strength, came from near and far over the forest.

The bugles called to each other like brazen gamecocks. The near thunder of the regimental drums rolled. The body of men in the woods rustled. There was a general uplifting of heads. A murmuring of voices broke upon the air. In it there was much bass of grumbling oaths. Strange gods were addressed in condemnation of the early hours necessary to correct war. An officer's peremptory tenor rang out and quickened the stiffened movement of the men. The tangled limbs unraveled. The corpse-hued faces were hidden behind fists that twisted slowly in the eye sockets.

Read the passage a second time, marking figurative language, sensory imagery, poetic devices, and any other patterns of diction and rhetoric, then answer the questions below.

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1.	Line 4 contains an example of							
		_	c. euphemism					
2.	Line 6 contains an example of							
	a. metaphor	b. simile	c. personification	n				
3.	The underlined a. assonance		are an example of . ance c. allitera					
4.	Lines 8 and 9 can a. allusion	ontain an examp b. euphemis		ice				
5.	•							
	<ul><li>b. bass of grumbling oaths (Line 8)</li><li>c. peremptory tenor rang out (Line 9)</li><li>d. the woods rustled (Line 7)</li></ul>							
6.		INANT sensory	imagery in the passa	ige is				

#### ANSWER KEY – EXERCISES 1-16

EXERCISE 1: 1. n 2. adj 3. adv 4. pron 5. prep 6. pron 7. v 8. adv 9. adj 10. conj 11. int 12. prep 13. int 14. conj 15. pron 16. v 17. prep 18. adj 19. prep 20. adv 21. pron 22. adj 23. n 24. n 25. adj

EXERCISE 2: Passage 1. 1. b 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. d 6. d Passage 2 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d. 5. c 6. c

EXERCISE 3: Passage 1 1. b 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. c
Passage 2 1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. a

EXERCISE 4: 1. C 2. C 3. C 4. CX 5. CC 6. CX 7. S 8. CX 9. S 10. S 11. S 12. CX 13. CX 14. S 15. C 16. S 17. S 18. S 19. C 20. S 21. S 22. S 23. CX 24. CC 25. S

EXERCISE 5: 1. d.o. 2. p.n. 3. i.o. 4. o.p. 5. p.a. 6. d.o. 7. p.a. 8. p.a. 9. p.n. 10. o.p. 11. p.n. 12. d.o. 13. o.p. 14. o.p. 15. d.o. 16. d.o. 17. d.o. 18. p.n. 19. o.p. 20. o.p. 21. d.o. 22. o.p. 23. p.a. 24. d.o. 25. p.n.

EXERCISE 6: 1. inf 2. par 3. prep 4. ger 5. inf 6. par 7. appos 8. inf 9. par 10. par 11. prep 12. prep 13. par 14. prep 15. par 16. inf 17. inf 18. par 19. par 20. appos 21. prep 22. ger 23. ger 24. ger 25. par

EXERCISE 7:

1. inf d.o. 2. par adj 3. inf p.n. 4. inf d.o. 5. ger subj
6. inf d.o. 7. ger p.n. 8. ger subj 9. par adj 10. inf d.o.
11. par adj 12. inf d.o. 13. par adj 14. par adj 15. par adj
16. par adj 17. ger subj 18. ger o.p. 19. par adj 20. ger o.p.
21. par adj 22. ger o.p. 23. inf adj. 24. ger o.p. 25. inf adv

EXERCISE 8: 1. adv 2. adj 3. adj 4. d.o. 5. subj 6. d.o. 7. d.o. 8. adv 9. adv 10. d.o. 11. adv 12. adj 13. adv 14. d.o. 15. adv 16. d.o. 17. d.o. 18. adv 19. o.p. 20. p.n. 21. adj 22. adj 23. adv 24. adv 25. adv

EXERCISE 9: 1. s 2. s 3. s 4. p. 5. s 6. m 7. s 8. s 9. s 10. p 11. s 12. p 13. p 14. p 15. s 16. p 17. p 18. o 19. s 20. m 21. o 22. m 23. s 24. s 25. m

EXERCISE 10: 1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. d 9. c 10. c 11. c 12. a 13. e 14. d 15. c 16. e 17. d 18. a 19. c 20. b 21. c 22. a 23. c 24. a 25. e

EXERCISE 11: 1.c 2. b 3.e 4. a. 5. d 6. a 7. b 8. b 9. d 10. a 11. e 12. a 13. a 14. b 15. c 16. b 17. a 18. c 19. d 20. b 21. c 22. a 23. b 24. a 25. c

EXERCISE 12: 1. a 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. e 6. e 7.e 8. e 9. a 10. c 11. e 12. e 13. e 14. e 15. c 16. e 17. e 18. a 19. e 20. c 21. c 22. c 23. e 24. a 25. e

EXERCISE 13: 1. b 2. c 3. a 4. a 5. b 6. c

EXERCISE 14: 1. c 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. a 6. b

EXERCISE 15: 1. a 2. c 3. c 4. a 5. a 6. a

EXERCISE 16: 1. c 2. b 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b

ANSWER KEY EXERCISES 1-16

#### GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN LITERARY ANALYSIS OF THE NOVEL

ALLEGORY – a story with both a literal and symbolic meaning.

ALLITERATION – the repetition of initial consonants or vowels sounds in two or more words (fit and fearless; as accurate as the ancient author).

ALLUSION – a reference to a well-known person, place, event, work of art, myth, or religion. ANADIPLOSIS – a type of repetition in which the last words of a sentence are used to begin the next sentence.

ANALOGY – a comparison of two things that are somewhat alike.

ANAPHORA – a type of repetition in which the same word or phrase is used at the beginning of two or more sentences or phrases.

**ANECDOTE** – a brief personal story about an event or experience.

ANTAGONIST – a character, institution, group, or force that is in conflict with the protagonist. ANTIHERO – a protagonist who does not have the traditional attributes of a hero.

ANTIMETABOLE – a type of repetition in which the words in a successive clause or phrase are reversed. ("Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." J.F. Kennedy).

ANTIPHRASIS – the use of a word or phrase to mean the opposite of the intended meaning. (In Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Antony's use of "... but Brutus is an honorable man..." to convey the opposite meaning).

ARCHETYPES – primordial images and symbols that occur frequently in literature, myth, religion, and folklore. The forest, blood, moon, stars, wind, fire, desert, ocean, river, earth mother, warrior, monster, hero, innocent child, evil twin, star-crossed lovers are all example of archetypes.

ASSONANCE – the repetition of vowel sounds in two or more words that do not rhyme. (*The black cat scratched the saddle*).

ASYNDETON – the omission of conjunctions in a series. (*I came, I saw, I conquered*).

ATMOSPHERE – the way that setting or landscape affects he tone or mood of a work. BATHOS – sentimentality.

BILDUNGSROMAN - A novel that deals with the coming of age or growing up of a young person from childhood or adolescence to maturity. (Pip in Great Expectations, Huckleberry Finn). **BURLESQUE** – low comedy, ridiculous exaggeration, nonsense.

**CACOPHONY** – the unharmonious combination of words that sound harsh together.

CARICATURE – writing that exaggerates or distorts personal qualities of an individual. CHIAROSCURO – the contrasting of light and darkness.

CLIMAX – the high point in the plot, after which there is falling action. May coincide with crisis. COLLOQUIALISM – a local expression that is not accepted in formal speech or writing.

CONCEIT – in poetry, an unusual, elaborate comparison (John Donne compares separated lovers to the legs of a drawing compass.)

CONFLICT – the struggle between characters and other characters, forces of nature, or outside forces beyond their control. Internal conflict is within a character.

CONNOTATION – the universal associations a word has apart from its definition. (Connotations of witch are black cat, cauldron, Halloween, broomstick, evil spell).

CONSONANCE – the repetition of a consonant at the end of two or more words. (*Hop up* the *step*). CONTEXT – the words and phrases surrounding a word.

CRISIS – the point at which the protagonist experiences change, the turning point.

DENOTATION – the definition or meaning of a word.

**DENOUEMENT** – the falling action or final revelations in the plot.

DIALECT – regional speech that identifies a character's social status.

**DIALOGUE** – conversation between two or more characters.

**DICTION** – word choice.

DOPPELGANGER – a double or twin.

DOUBLE ENTENDRE – a statement that has two meanings, one of which is suggestive or improper. DRAMATIC IRONY – results when the reader or audience knows or understands something that a character does not know.

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE – a poem in which an imaginary character speaks to a silent listener. DYNAMIC CHARACTER – A character who undergoes change as a result of the actions of the plot and the influence of other characters.

DYSPHEMISM – A coarse or rude way of saying something; the opposite of euphemism. A euphemism for "die" would be "pass away." A dysphemism would be "croak."

DYSTOPIA – The opposite of utopia. Literally "bad place."

ELISION – The omission of part of a word as in "o'er" for *over* and "e're" for *ever*.

ELLIPSIS – The omission of one or more words signified by the use of three periods . . .

**EPILOGUE – A concluding statement.** 

EPIPHANY – A sudden insight or change of heart that happens in an instant.

ETHOS - moral nature or beliefs.

EUPHEMISM – an indirect way of saying something that may be offensive. (passed away instead of died, senior citizens instead of old people).

EXISTENTIALISM – 20<sup>th</sup> century philosophy concerned with the plight of the individual who must assume responsibility for acts of free will. Characteristics are alienation, anxiety, loneliness, absurdity.

EXTENDED METAPHOR – a metaphor that is elaborated on and developed in several sentences.

FARCE – comedy that involves horseplay, mistaken identity, exaggeration, and witty dialogue.

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE – the use of figures of speech to express ideas.

FIGURES OF SPEECH – include metaphor, simile, hyperbole, personification.

FLASHBACK – a plot device that allows the author to jump back in time prior to the opening scene.

FLAT CHARACTER – a one-dimensional character who is not developed in the plot. FOIL – a character who, through contrast, reveals the characteristics of another character. FORESHADOWING — a clue that prepares the reader for what will happen later on in the story. HERO/HEROINE – the main character, the protagonist whose actions inspire and are admired.

HYPERBOLE – exaggeration (I'll love you until all the seas run dry).

IDIOM – a saying or expression that cannot be translated literally (jump down someone's throat, jump the gun, smell a rat, bite the dust).

INFERENCE – information or action that is hinted at or suggested, but not stated outright. INTERIOR MONOLOGUE – a device associated with stream of consciousness where a character is thinking to himself and the reader feels like he is inside the character's mind.

IRONY – a reality different from appearance. (Brutus is an honorable man).

LITOTES – understatement that makes a positive statement by using a negative opposite. (not a bad actor).

LOOSE SENTENCE – an independent clause followed

by a dependent clause. (I didn't go shopping because it was raining). A periodic sentence is the reverse: a dependent clause followed by an independent clause. (Because it was raining, I didn't go to shopping).

MAGICAL REALISM – in twentieth century art and literature, when supernatural or magical events are accepted as being real by both character and audience.

MALAPROPISM – the use of a word somewhat like the one intended, but ridiculously wrong (the use of diseased rather than deceased in Huckleberry Finn) METAPHOR – a figure of speech in which one thing is said to be another thing. (The trees were silent sentinels; a sea of asphalt; the clinging ivy to his oak). METONYMY – the use of an object closely associated with a word for the word itself. (Using crown to mean king, or oval office to mean president).

MONOLOGUE – a speech given by one person. MOOD – synonymous with atmosphere and tone. MOTIF – a recurring pattern of symbols, colors, events, allusions or imagery.

NARRATOR – the person telling the story.

NATURALISM – a late nineteenth century literary movement that viewed individuals as fated victims of natural laws.

**NOVELLA** – a tale or short story.

ONOMATOPOEIA – the use of words to imitate sound. (*clink*, *buzz*, *clop*, *hiss*).

OXYMORON – a figure of speech that combines words that are opposites. (sweet sorrow, dark victory). PARABLE – a story that teaches a lesson.

PARADOX – a statement that on the surface seems a contradiction, but that actually contains some truth. PARATAXIS – sentences, phrases, clauses, or words arranged in coordinate rather than subordinate

construction.
PARODY – writing that imitates another author's

PATHOS – pity, sympathy, or sorrow felt by the reader in response to literature

when a dependent clause precedes an independent clause. (When it rains, I get the blues, rather than I get the blues when it rains which is a loose sentence. PERSONA – the voice in a work of literature. PERSONIFICATION – a figure of speech that attributes human characteristics to an inanimate object. (The wind sighed. The moon hid behind a cloud). PICARESQUE – episodic adventures of a protagonist who is usually a rascal.

PERIODIC SENTENCE – opposite of loose sentence,

POETIC DEVICES – elements of poetry used in fiction to create harmonious sound of words include

assonance, consonance, alliteration, repetition, and rhyme.

POINT OF VIEW – the perspective from which a story is told.

POLYSYNDETON – the overuse of conjunctions in a sentence, especially *and* and *or*.

POSTMODERN – contemporary fiction, may include an antihero and experimental style.

PROTAGONIST - the main character.

PUN – a play on words. (He wanted to be a chef, but he didn't have thyme).

**REALISM** – writing that is characterized by details of actual life.

REGIONALISM – writing that draws heavily from a specific geographic area using speech, folklore, beliefs, and customs.

REPARTEE – a comeback, a quick response. REPETITION – the reiteration of words, sounds, phrases.

RHYME – words with identical sounds such as *cat* and *hat* or *glare* and *air*.

ROMANTICISM – literary movement in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century that portrayed the beauty of untamed nature, emotion, the nobility of the common man, rights of the individual, spiritualism, imagination, fancy.

SARCASM – a bitter remark intending to hurt and express disapproval.

SATIRE – writing that blends humor and wit with criticism of institutions or mankind in general.

SENSORY IMAGERY – language that evokes images and triggers memories in the reader of sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell.

SETTING – the time and place where a story takes place.

SIMILE – a figure of speech that compares two things that are not alike, using the words *like* or as. (eyes gleaming *like live coals*; as delicate as a snowflake). SOLILOQUY – a long speech made by a character who is alone, who reveals private thoughts and feelings to the reader or audience.

STATIC CHARACTER – a character who changes little in the course of the story.

STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS – a narrative technique that imitates the stream of thought in a character's mind.

STYLE – the individual way an author writes, how it is recognized and imitated.

SUBPLOT -- a minor or secondary plot that complicates a story.

 $SURREALISM-20^{th}\ century\ art,\ literature,\ and\ film\ that\ juxtaposes\ unnatural\ combinations\ of\ images\ for\ a\ fantastic\ or\ dreamlike\ effect.$ 

SUSPENSE – anticipation of the outcome.

SYMBOL – something that stands for something else

SYNECDOCHE – a figure of speech in which the part symbolizes the whole. (All hands on deck, or I've got some new wheels).

SYNTAX – word order, the way in which words are put together.

THEME - a central idea.

TONE – the attitude toward a subject or audience implied by a literary work.

TRANSCENDENTALISM – a 19<sup>th</sup> century American philosophical and literary movement that espoused belief that intuition and conscience transcend experience and are therefore better guides to truth than logic and the senses. Characteristics are respect for the individual spirit, the presence of the divine in nature, the belief that divine presence is everywhere, belief in the Over-Soul, a concept of an omnipotent divinity influenced by Hinduism.

TROPE – in rhetoric, a figure of speech involving a change in meaning, the use of a word in a sense other than the literal.

UNDERSTATEMENT — saying less than is actually called for. (Referring to an Olympic sprinter as being "pretty fast").

UNRELIABLE NARRATOR – a narrator who is not credible when it comes to telling the story.

(Chief Bromden in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, or Victor Frankenstein).

UTOPIA – a perfect or ideal world.



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