**Figurative Language**

**Simile:**

Definition:a comparison of two unlike things that is often introduced

by *like* or *as*

*What two things are being compared?*

*Why do you think the writer made this choice? What is his purpose?*

Examples:

* She’s as fierce as a tiger.
* Life is like a box of chocolates.

**Metaphor:**

Definition:a word or phrase for one thing that is used to refer to

another thing in order to show or suggest that they are similar

The comparison does NOT use *like* or *as*

*What two things are being compared?*

*Why do you think the writer made this choice? What is his purpose?*

Examples:

* Her home is a prison.
* Luke is a pig when he eats.

**Personification:**

Definition:giving human characteristics/attributes to non-living things.

*What two things are being compared?*

*Why do you think the writer made this choice? What is his purpose?*

Examples:

* The candle flame danced in the dark.
* The party died as soon as she left.

**Onomatopoeia:**

Definition:the formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named

Examples:

* The prisoner was terrified to hear the **crack** of her whip.

*Why do you think the writer made this choice? What is his purpose?*

* Her heels **clacked** on the hardwood floor.