



Answer Key.

Figures of Speech Paper 1

Identified Figures of Speech with Examples:

Metaphor

Explanation: A direct comparison between two unlike things, stating that one thing is another.

Example: "The battlefield was a furnace..."

Example: "...courage stood tall, a stubborn oak..."

Simile

Explanation: A comparison between two unlike things using the words "like" or "as."

Example: "Cannons coughed like thunderous beasts..."

Example: "Fear slithered through the ranks like a serpent..."

Example: "...banners fluttered like wounded birds..."

Personification

Explanation: Giving human qualities, actions, or emotions to non-human things.

Example: "Cannons coughed..." (Cannons are given the human action of coughing)

Example: "...the ground drank greedily..." (The ground is given the human action of drinking)

Example: "The war itself seemed alive, a monstrous puppeteer pulling strings...laughing..." (War is given life and human actions)

Oxymoron

Explanation: Placing two opposing ideas or terms side-by-side for effect.

Example: "Every soldier was both predator and prey, lion and lamb, hero and shadow."

Imagery

Explanation: Language that appeals to the senses (sight, sound, touch, taste, smell) to create a vivid picture.

Example (Sight): "...the river nearby ran red..."

Example (Sound): "...a symphony of screams and shattering shields."

Symbolism

Explanation: Using an object or action to represent a larger idea.

Example: "...banners fluttered...whispering of kingdoms that might rise from the ashes..." (The "ashes" symbolize destruction and defeat, while "rising from the ashes" symbolizes rebirth and victory).