

Instructions

For each set of underlined words, write which literary element is at play in the space beside it. I have given you a word bank of options below.

The first time I left the passage in its entirety so you can read it once to make sense of it.

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Not all of these will be used:

Symbolism, metaphor, simile, alliteration, consonance, assonance, rhyme, personification, hyperbole