

English _____
Notes: Literary Devices Caged Bird

name **ANSWER KEY**
date _____

Directions: YOUR ANSWERS MAY BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF LIT. DEVICES IN THE TEXT; HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND HOW EACH OF THE ANSWER KEY RESPONSES WORKS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT LIT. DEVICE.

personification – a figure of speech in which a human quality is given to an animal, object, or idea

example

“...from the side of the building where I waited for the ground to open up and swallow me...”

simile – a figure of speech using like or as to compare seemingly unlike things

example

“...my image of her would have been shattered like the unmendable Humpty-Dumpty.”

metaphor – a figure of speech that compares seemingly unlike things by stating that they are equal (was, is, etc.)

example

“The chifforobe was a maze.”

alliteration – the repetition of consonant sounds, most often at the beginnings of words and syllables

example

“I heard the soft-voiced Mrs. Flowers and the textured voice of my grandmother merging and melting.”

imagery – the use of words that appeal to one or more of the five senses to help create an image for the reader

example

“They were flat round wafers, slightly browned on the edges and butter-yellow in the center.”

dialect – a variation of language spoken by a particular group or by many people within a geographic region

example

“How you, Sister Flowers?”

allusion – a reference within a work of literature to a well-known character, place, or situation in history or from another work of literature, music, or art

example

“...a hot cup of tea and milk with Oliver Twist.”

hyperbole – a figure of speech that uses exaggeration to express a strong emotion, make a point, or create humor

example

“...taking off my dress in front of Mrs. Flowers would kill me stone dead.”

inverted syntax – reversing the standard order of words to create an impact

example

“I wanted to gobble up the room entire.”