

Simile Poems!

1. Read over the Poem "New Notebook" and answer the questions below the poem
2. Choose a topic for your own simile poem
3. Read through Mrs. Troy's sample organizer and sample poem based upon an immigrant (page three)
4. Use the resources provided in this assignment on Google Classroom or in the documents on my class page, as well as the links for similes and personifications on your handout to complete your own simile poem chart
5. Complete your own simile poem based upon something from our expedition and write below your table organizer (page four)
6. Turn in your assignment when you return or in our Google Classroom!

Simile Poems: Read the example and answer the questions

New Notebook

Lines
in a new notebook
run, even and fine
like telephone wires
across a snowy landscape.

With wet, black strokes
the alphabet settles between them,
comfortable as a flock of
crows.
Judith Thurman

1. What simile is used in the first stanza?

2. What does this first simile mean?

3. What simile is used in the second stanza?

4. What does this second simile mean?

Simile: comparing two things using the words like or as (i.e. the sunset was like a blooming flower in the sky OR the meatball rolled off the table as fast as a boulder down the side of a mountain).

Create a simile poem about an object related to our labor industry expedition.

Ideas:

- Sewing Machine
- Pay Check
- Price Tag
- Bangladesh
- America
- The TFF Fire
- The Asch Building
- Isaac Harris and Max Blanck
- Labor laws
- Sweatshops
- Minimum wage
- A price tag
- A specific worker from the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory
- Rana Plaza incident
- Factories
- Pay in America and/or Bangladesh
- Consumerism in first world countries vs. third world countries
- Shoes of a worker
- Gloves of a worker
- Fabric
- Needle and thread
- Courtroom from the trial of Harris and Blanck
- Immigrants coming into America from Russia, Italy, etc. to come work in New York/America in the 1900s
- Emigrants leaving Bangladesh to come to America in 2020

Your simile poem must include the following (7 points):

1. Three similes that truly represent the item, person, location, etc. being represented (3 points)
2. Two vivid imagery phrases (i.e. appealing to the senses/sensory words) (2 points)
3. A unique and creative title (1 point)
4. One personification element (1 point)

RESOURCES AND TEACHER SAMPLE (next page)

Link for simile ideas:

http://writingfix.com/right_brain/Serendipitous_Simile_Prose1.htm

Links for Personification ideas:

http://writingfix.com/right_brain/Serendipitous_Personification_Poetry1.htm

MRS. TROY'S SAMPLE SIMILE POEM: I choose to base my simile poem on an immigrant coming to work in America at the Triangle Factory in 1911.

Simile/Comparison Ideas	What does this simile mean?	Corresponding Imagery/Sensory Words	One Element of Personification
Atlantic Ocean is like a mirror	Reflecting what is left behind and what lies ahead	sparkling giant waves glistening reflecting golden sunlight	The ocean whispered
The streets of New York are as shiny as the stars in the sky	Stars are beautiful and people wish upon a star, so there are a lot of dreams people pour into the sidewalks of New York	Blazing Metallic Silver shimmering	
The people are live the waves in an ocean	The streets are full of people crashing into each other and moving together toward their jobs like the waves to the shore	Rumble sloshing	

MRS. Troy's Sample:

An Immigrant's Journey

As I leave my home in Italy

The Atlantic ocean is like a mirror

with giant sparkling waves glistening

And reflecting the past and present

As the salty water whispers goodbye and hello

The streets of New York are as shiny

As the shimmering metallic stars above

with each step I wish and hope for a great new life

Passing by the people like waves in the ocean

Hustling and rushing from one place to the next

Similes are in yellow/orange

Personification is in blue

STUDENT PLANNING PAGE (your poem can be written right below the planning table. Remember it is a free verse poem, so you don't need to have a specific format).

Use the list of “Ideas for Symbols and Metaphors” in our Google Classroom or on my class page, along with the sensory word lists and links above to help you create your similes if needed--all you need to do is add the words ***as OR ***like***.***

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Your Simile Poem Title: