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LITERARY DEVICES – NOTES

Directions: Complete the first chart below by identifying the definition and an example of each literary device. Then, complete the additional chart below by analyzing the purpose of using each literary device in writing.

LITERARY DEVICE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE		PURPOSE
ALLUSION	An _____ or _____ reference to a person, place or thing of _____, cultural, literary or political significance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His nose was growing like _____. • He was a real _____ with the ladies. 	→	
HYPERBOLE	An _____ of ideas for the sake of _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am so hungry I could eat a _____. • She is as _____ as a _____. 	→	
IMAGERY	Language to _____ objects, actions, and _____ in a way that appeals to our _____ senses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He whiffed the _____ of brewed coffee. • The fresh and juicy orange was cold and sweet. 	→	
JUXTAPOSITION	Two or more _____, places, and characters and/o actions placed side by side for the _____ of developing _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calm and _____. • _____ and ugliness. • Weakness and strength. 	→	
METAPHOR	Implicit, _____, or hidden _____ between two different objects (without "like" or "as").	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • America is a _____. • Life is a _____. • Time is money. • The _____ is a stage. 	→	

SIMILE	Direct _____ between two things using the word "like" or "as."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As ___ as an elephant. • Like two peas in a pod. • Like fingernails on a _____.
SYMBOL	A symbol, typically an object used to _____ ideas and qualities that are different from the symbol's _____ sense; the meaning given is deeper and more significant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dove represents _____. • A red rose stands for love. • A broken mirror represents _____.
PERSONIFICATION	An animal, idea, or thing is given _____ attributes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wind whispered through dry grass. • Time _____ for none. • The fire swallowed the forest.


