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Figurative Language Quiz 1

Directions: Read the following examples of figurative language. Identify the poetic device being used. Write the letter of your answer on the line to the right.

1. The streets were strange and still, / Through the doors of the open churches
The organs were moaning shrill.
a. simile b. repetition c. hyperbole d. personification _____
2. Chicago is a city that is fierce as a dog with tongue lapping for action.
a. rhyme b. metaphor c. simile d. hyperbole _____
3. She soothed her secret sorrow.
a. hyperbole b. alliteration c. metaphor d. simile _____
4. Silver bells!... How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle in the icy air of night.
a. simile b. hyperbole c. onomatopoeia d. alliteration _____
5. He answered her he knew not what: / Like shaft from bow at random shot,
a. simile b. personification c. repetition d. metaphor _____
6. Chant in a wail / that never halts, / pace a circle and pay tribute / with a song.
a. rhyme b. simile c. personification d. hyperbole _____
7. Vague pageants woven on a web of dream!
And we, pushing and fighting in the turbid stream / Of modern life
a. simile b. metaphor c. understatement d. hyperbole _____
8. He would contemplate the distance / With a look of pensive meaning,
As of ducks that die in ill tempests.
a. simile b. metaphor c. understatement d. onomatopoeia _____
9. And I will return, my love, / even if it were a million miles.
a. personification b. onomatopoeia c. hyperbole d. simile _____
10. The light of the lamps lures the insects.
a. onomatopoeia b. hyperbole c. personification d. alliteration _____