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Identifying Poetic Devices in Songs

Directions: Read through each of the song lyrics. Find at least 5 poetic device examples (any of the ones we've talked about so far) and record them below. Record what type of figurative language it is and where you got it. Write a brief explanation of what you think that poetic device means. My example is on the back side of the page.

Example 1:

- This is a(n):

I think this means:

Example 2:

- This is a(n):

I think this means:

Example 3:

- This is a(n):

I think this means:

Example 4:

- This is a(n):

I think this means:

Example 5:

- This is a(n):

I think this means:

Example: “Now, I got pins and needles on my tongue” – from “Heartbeat Song” by Kelly Clarkson

- **This is a(n):** metaphor comparing pins and needles to a feeling in her tongue.

I think this means: that she is really excited to kiss her boyfriend.

"Stitches" by Shawn Mendez

I thought that I'd been hurt before
But no one's ever left me quite this sore
Your words cut deeper than a knife
Now I need someone to breathe me back to life
Got a feeling that I'm going under
But I know that I'll make it out alive
If I quit calling you my lover
Move on

[Chorus]

You watch me bleed until I can't breathe
Shaking, falling onto my knees
And now that I'm without your kisses
I'll be needing stitches
Tripping over myself
Aching, begging you to come help
And now that I'm without your kisses
I'll be needing stitches

Just like a moth drawn to a flame
Oh, you lured me in, I couldn't sense the pain
Your bitter heart cold to the touch
Now I'm gonna reap what I sow
I'm left seeing red on my own

Got a feeling that I'm going under
But I know that I'll make it out alive
If I quit calling you my lover
Move on

[Chorus]

[x3:]

Needle and the thread,
Gotta get you out of my head, get you out of my
head

[Chorus]

(And now that)
I'm without your kisses
I'll be needing stitches

(And now that)
I'm without your kisses
I'll be needing stitches

"Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars

Oh, her eyes, her eyes make the stars look like
they're not shining
Her hair, her hair falls perfectly without her
trying
She's so beautiful
And I tell her everyday.

Yeah, I know, I know when I compliment her, she
won't believe me
And it's so, it's so sad to think that she doesn't
see what I see
But every time she ask me do I look okay?
I say

When I see your face
There's not a thing that I would change
'Cause you're amazing
Just the way you are

And when you smile
The whole world stops and stares for a while
'Cause girl, you're amazing
Just the way you are

Her lips, her lips, I could kiss them all day if she'd
let me
Her laugh her laugh, she hates but I think it's so
sexy
She's so beautiful
And I tell her everyday

Oh, you know, you know, you know I'd never ask
you to change
If perfect's what you're searching for, then just
stay the same
So don't even bother asking if you look okay
You know I'll say

When I see your face

There's not a thing that I would change

'Cause you're amazing

Just the way you are

And when you smile

The whole world stops and stares for a while

'Cause girl, you're amazing

Just the way you are

The way you are

The way you are

Girl, you're amazing

Just the way you are

When I see your face

There's not a thing that I would change

'Cause you're amazing

Just the way you are

And when you smile

The whole world stops and stares for a while

'Cause girl, you're amazing

Just the way you are.

Yeah

"Sky Full of Stars" by Coldplay

'Cause you're a sky, cause you're a sky full of stars

I'm gonna give you my heart

'Cause you're a sky, cause you're a sky full of stars

'Cause you light up the path

I don't care, go on and tear me apart

I don't care if you do

'Cause in a sky, cause in a sky full of stars

I think I saw you

'Cause you're a sky, cause you're a sky full of stars

I want to die in your arms, arms

'Cause you get lighter the more it gets dark

I'm going to give you my heart

And I don't care, go on and tear me apart

And I don't care if you do

'Cause in a sky, cause in a sky full of stars

I think I see you

I think I see you

"Warriors" by Imagine Dragons

As a child you would wait

And watch from far away.

But you always knew that you'd be the one

That work while they all play.

In youth you'd lay

Awake at night and scheme

Of all the things that you would change,

But it was just a dream!

Here we are, don't turn away now,

We are the warriors that built this town.

Here we are, don't turn away now,

We are the warriors that built this town

From dust.

Will come

When you'll have to rise

Above the best and prove yourself,

Your spirit never dies!

Farewell, I've gone to take my throne above,

But don't weep for me

'Cause this will be

The labor of my love

Here we are, don't turn away now,

We are the warriors that built this town.

Here we are, don't turn away now,

We are the warriors that built this town

From dust.

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