

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN POEMS

task cards



5th GRADE



1 **Figurative Language in Poems**
O Captain! My Captain! By Walt Whitman (Excerpt)
O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won,
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;
But O heart! heart! heart!
O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.
The captain in this poem is a significant figure.

3 **Figurative Language in Poems**
Jabberwocky By Lewis Carroll (Excerpt)
...brillig, and the slithy toves
...gyre and gimble in the wade;
...were the borogoves,
...the mome raths outgrabe.
"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"
...word in hand:
...noxome foe he sought --
...Tumtum tree.
...in thought.

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The Jumbles by Edward Lear (Excerpt)
They went to sea in a Sieve, they did,
In a Sieve they went to sea,
In spite of all their friends could say,
On a winter's morn, on a stormy day,
In a Sieve they went to sea,
And when the Sieve turned round and round,
And every one cried, 'You'll all be drowned!'
They called aloud, 'Our Sieve ain't big,
But we don't care a button! we don't care a fig!
In a Sieve we'll go to sea!
Far and few, far and few,
Are the lands where the Jumbles live;
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

- Which line from the poem is an example of alliteration?
- a. 'Twas brillig, and the slithy tove
 - b. "Beware the Jabberwock, my son!"
 - c. the claws that catch!
 - d. He took his vorpal sword in hand:

Lincoln. Which line is a clue to the



Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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The captain in this poem is a symbol for Lincoln. Which line gives a clue to the significance of Lincoln as a captain?

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Which line from the poem includes imagery?

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He took his vorpal sword in hand:
 Long time the manxome foe he sought --
 So rested he by the Tumtum tree.
 And stood awhile in thought.

Which line from the poem is an example of alliteration?

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Which line from the poem uses imagery?

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Answer Sheet

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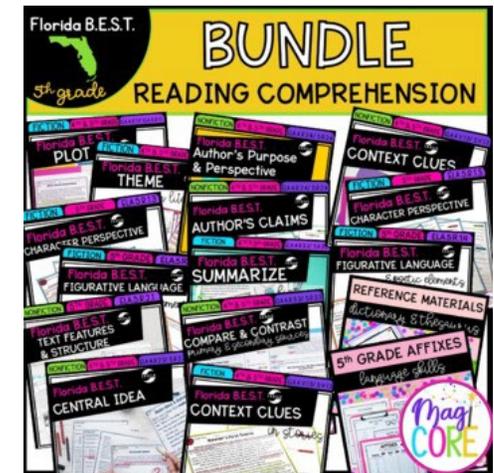


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