

The Poet's Locked Notebook

Word Meaning, Connotation & Figurative Language

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. "The alarm clock screamed at me." This is an example of...

- (A) Simile
- (B) Personification
- (C) Alliteration
- (D) Allusion

2. "He's such a Romeo" is an example of...

- (A) Allusion
- (B) Onomatopoeia
- (C) Hyperbole
- (D) Imagery

Read: Read two descriptions of the same dog. A: "The pup bounded across the lawn, ears flopping, tail wagging like a flag." B: "The mutt lunged across the yard, teeth bared, growling like distant thunder."

3. How does word choice create a different tone in each description? Support your answer with evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(B) Personification	1 point
2	(A) Allusion	1 point
3	R: Word choice creates a different tone in each description of the dog. A: Description A has a playful, happy tone, and Description B has a threatening tone. C: A uses "pup," "bounded," and "tail wagging like a flag," while B uses "mutt," "lunged," "teeth bared," and "growling like distant thunder." E: This shows that positive connotations and a cheerful simile make the dog seem friendly, while negative connotations and a stormy simile make the same dog seem dangerous.	3 points: Names both tones; Quotes words from A and B; Explains connotation/simile effects.