Advanced Decorations

1. Personification
A figure of speech in which an inanimate object or abstraction is endowed with human qualities or abilities.

Examples
- The wind whispered to them as they ran through the woods.
- The trees of the fields will clap their hands.
- “We’re tired of this weather,” said the daisy.
- My shoes are killing me!
- The flowers turned their faces to the sun.
- The couch groaned under his weight.
- My car refused to budge.
- The dry earth greedily drank the water.
- The mountains stealthily guarded the valley.

2. Assonance and Consonance

Assonance: repetition of vowel sounds used in sequence or in close proximity to each other

Examples
- My words like silent raindrops fell....
- towering mountains
- waves clapping and crashing
- Ken’s extraordinary collection was electrifying.

Consonance: repetition of consonant sounds used in sequence or in close proximity.
(Consonance is similar to Alliteration, but it’s not limited to the first letter of the words.)

Examples
- black rocks speckled with snow
- ...and high school girls with clear skinned smiles...
- sun hidden by evergreens and pines

3. Apostrophe
A poetic device in which the poet talk to an absent person, place, or thing as if it were present.

Examples
- Captain! O Captain! Our fearful trip is done... (Walt Whitman writing to Abraham Lincoln after his death)
- Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are.
- Is this a dagger which I see before me, The handle toward my hand? Come, let me clutch thee! I have thee not, and yet I see thee still. (from Macbeth by Shakespeare)
- Then come, sweet death, and rid me of this grief. (Christopher Malowe)

4. Onomatopoeia
Use of a word whose sound suggests the meaning

Examples
- Clang
- Bang
- Twang
- Zing
- Zip
- Pow
- Boom

5. Anecdotal Openers and Closers – very advanced
An anecdote is a short, usually amusing, story. An anecdotal opener is a short narrative paragraph placed at the beginning of a report or essay. The purpose of this opening is to capture the reader’s attention and interest. Include the following in your anecdote: (1) plenty of vivid description using five-senses words and (2) an appeal to the reader’s emotions.

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