

The Sniper

Identify the following phrases as:

(S) simile

(M) metaphor

(P) personification

(H) Hyperbole

Underline the two things compared or underline the human quality being personified.

- 1) _____ Just then an armored car came across the bridge and advanced slowly up the street. It stopped on the opposite side of the street, fifty yards ahead.
- 2) _____ The sniper could hear the dull panting of the motor. His heart beat faster.
- 3) It was an enemy car. He wanted to fire, but he knew it was useless. His bullets would never pierce the steel that covered the gray monster.
- 4) _____ Suddenly from the opposite roof a shot rang out and the sniper dropped his rifle with a curse. The rifle clattered to the roof. The sniper thought the noise would wake the dead.
- 5) _____ He stooped to pick the rifle up. He couldn't lift it. His forearm was dead. "I'm hit," he muttered.
- 6) _____ The Republican sniper smiled and lifted his revolver above the edge of the parapet. The distance was about fifty yards--a hard shot in the dim light, and his right arm was paining him like a thousand devils.
- 7) _____ He took a steady aim. His hand trembled with eagerness. Pressing his lips together, he took a deep breath through his nostrils and fired.
- 8) _____ Morning must not find him wounded on the roof.
- 9) _____ The lust of battle died in him. He became bitten by remorse. The sweat stood out in beads on his forehead.
- 10) _____ The cloud of fear scattered from his mind and he laughed
- 11) _____ The machine gun bullets skipped past him.
- 12) _____ The sniper darted across the street. A machine gun tore up the ground around him with a hail of bullets, but he escaped.
- 13) _____ Here and there through the city, machine guns and rifles broke the silence of the night, spasmodically, like dogs barking on lone farms.