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Learning Activity Sheet

Self-Discovery through Literature Analysis

A. Read each question carefully. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Which is traditionally spoken in the present tense and may be in the form of poems, sonnets, or odes?
A. allegory
B. lyric poetry
C. narrative poetry
D. sermon
2. Which among the following figures of speech compares two things in an implicit manner?
A. hyperbole
B. metaphor
C. personification
D. simile
3. Which of the following refers to a speech that was about a biblical, theological, religious, or moral topic?
A. allegory
B. lyric poetry
C. narrative poetry
D. sermon
4. Which among the following figure of speech uses the words “like” or “as” in order to compare one thing with another?
A. hyperbole
B. metaphor
C. personification
D. simile
5. Which of the following is a work of literature where events, characters, and details of the setting have a symbolic meaning and is used to teach or explain moral principles and universal truths?
A. allegory
B. lyric poetry
C. narrative poetry
D. sermon

B. Analyze the given selection. Answer the questions that follow.**The Rainy Day***Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
The vine still clings to the moldering wall,
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,
And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
My thoughts still cling to the moldering past,
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast

And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! And cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary.

Source: classiclitr.about.com/library/bl-etexts/hwlongfellow/bl-hwl-rainy.htm

Answer the questions below.

1. What kind of day was described by Longfellow in the poem? Cite the words that describe the day.

2. What might have been the feelings and memories of Longfellow as he composed his poem?

3. Do you recall any worthy experience in the past similar to the idea presented in the poem? What kind of feelings did you experience?

4. What words in the poem can have metaphors? Give at least 3.

5. What lessons in life does Longfellow share with us in the poem?
