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Learning Activity Sheet

Poetry

A. Read the questions carefully. Encircle the letter of your answer

1. What figure of speech is used in the sentence below?

Life is much too important to be taken seriously. – Oscar Wilde

- A. oxymoron
B. simile
C. paradox
D. metaphor

2. Which of the following statements is an irony?

- A. His heart is as cold as ice.
B. The policeman was robbed.
C. I must be cruel, only to be kind.
D. The trees danced and swayed with the wind.

For items 3–5, refer to the short poem below:

Lyric 17

by Jose Garcia Villa

First, a poem must be magical,
Then musical as a sea-gull.
It must be a brightness moving
And hold secret a bird's flowering.
It must be slender as a bell,
And it must hold fire as well.
It must have the wisdom of bows
And it must kneel like a rose.

It must be able to hear
The luminance of dove and deer.

It must be able to hide
What it seeks, like a bride.
And over all I would like to hover
God, smiling from the poem's cover.

3. What is the tone of the author?

- A. delighted
B. devastated
C. lonely
D. victorious

4. What is the prevalent figure of speech in the poem?

- A. metaphor
B. oxymoron
C. personification
D. simile

5. Which of the following best describes the author's purpose?

- A. The author wants to describe how magical the poem is.
B. The author describes her love for her husband.
C. The author strives to deny her longing for someone deeply loved.
D. The author expresses the delightful feeling of creating a poem.

B. Read and study the poem below and answer the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided. 5 points each.

Words	
by Angela Manalang-Gloria	
I never meant the words I said,	The words I said break with the thunder
So trouble not your honest head	Of billows surging into spray:
And never mean the words I write,	Unfathomed depths withhold the wonder
But come and kiss me now goodnight.	Of all the words I ever say.

1. How many figures of speech did you find in “Words”? Write one example here.

2. In the poem, the poet says that one may say too many words, except what one truly wants to say. This often causes misunderstandings and fights. How can you resolve fights/quarrels in a nonviolent way?
