**Directions:**

1. **Glue** this poem on to the next blank page in your journal - in the MIDDLE of the page!

2. **Answer** the following questions:
   What is the **tone** of this poem? Why?
   How does it make you feel?

3. **Analyze** the poem. Does the author write anything **figuratively versus literally**? Make notes around the poem, underline, highlight, or circle!

**Stuck? Respond to one of the prompts below:**
- What is your initial reaction to this poem?
- Make a connection. Does this poem remind you of anything that has happened in your life? Of another book or poem you have read? Of a movie or TV show you’ve watched?
- Does any part of the poem stand out to you? Surprise you?

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**Storm at Sea**

**By: Amar Qamar**

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Bringing sailors to their knees.
As they struggle to save their lives
Hoping and praying, help arrives.

The stormy seas as dark as coal,
Preventing the sailors from reaching their goal.
Battered and bruised, but still they fight...
Staring ahead, into the dead of night.
Rocking and rolling as they try to stand...
Hoping against hope, that they soon reach land.

Bleary eyed from lack of sleep.
Down in their cabins, huddled like sheep.
As they’re rocking and rolling down beneath
Weary sailors above, resist with gritted teeth.

Hours later, as the storm starts to dissipate,
It leaves a calm tranquil sea in its wake.
The veteran sailors know the battle is over,
and they have won...
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Similes & Metaphors

Similes are figures of speech that compare two or more unlike things USING "like" or "as".

Ex: My teacher is like a pitbull.

Metaphors are figures of speech that compare two or more unlike things WITHOUT "like" or "as".

Ex: Life is a rollercoaster.
Simile, Metaphor, or Neither?!

My sister is as sweet as a lollipop.

I really like chocolate ice cream.

Today is Tuesday.

Today is a nightmare.
Let's Practice!

Identify whether the sentence uses a simile or metaphor. Circle the two things being compared and explain the meaning.

1. The room was like an oven.
2. Michelle was as frightened as a mouse being chased by a cat.
3. The bed is a cloud inviting my exhausted body to fall down and relax.
4. You are an angel for helping me.
5. He was a cheetah running down the field.
6. The wind was as quiet as a whisper.
7. The basketball player was like a giraffe.
8. My book was a vehicle that took me to another place.
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Does the poem contain any similes?

What about metaphors?

What two things are being compared?

What does it mean?
The Importance of a Sister

By: Shiv Sharma

A sister is someone who loves you from the heart,
No matter how much you argue you cannot be drawn apart.
She is a joy that cannot be taken away,
Once she enters your life, she is there to stay.

A friend who helps you through difficult times,
Her comforting words are worth much more than dimes.
A partner who fills your life with laughs and smile,
These memories last for miles and miles.

When she is by your side, the world is filled with life,
When she is not around, your days are full of strife.
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A companion to whom you can express your feelings,
She doesn’t let you get bored at family dealings.
Whether you are having your ups or downs,
She always helps you with a smile and never frowns.

With a sister you cannot have a grudge,
She is as sweet as chocolate and as smooth as fudge.
Having a sister is not just a trend,
It is knowing you can always turn to her, your best friend.
Identify similes and metaphors in the poem!

The Metaphor Family
By: Lill Pluta

My brother is a dragon,
My mom's a teddy bear.
I am a shaggy sheepdog
with a ton of tangled hair.

My father is a monkey.
He likes to make us laugh,
especially my sister,
who is a tall giraffe.

We are a busy family
with many things to do.
Our home is always happy,
but sometimes it's a zoo.
Practice

Roll the dice to find out which comparison you will use! Write your simile or metaphor in your journal

1. Write a metaphor about a tree
2. Write a simile about your teacher
3. Write a metaphor about someone who is well-behaved
4. Write a simile about your favorite food
5. Write a metaphor about a season.
6. Write a simile about an animal.
7. Write a metaphor about someone who is smart.
8. Write a simile about a friend.

Now write a story using your simile or metaphor. Add imagery (sensory details) and think about the tone and mood you want to create.
Challenge

During our next Reading Workshop, search for similes and metaphors in your independent reading book. Keep a list of these in your journal. Once you've found five, show your teacher for a ROAR!