

# Constructed Response Item Template

**Theme:** Poetry

**Title of Theme/Module:**

**Stimulus Material:**

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**District(s):** Grain Valley

**Region:** Kansas City

**Grade Range:** 6-8

**Subject Area:** Communication Arts

**Standards Assessed:**

**Performance (Process)**

**Goal:** 4      **Standard:** 1

**Goal:** 1      **Standard:** 6

**Knowledge (Content)**

**Content:** CA      **Standard:** 2

**Content:**      **Standard:**

**Learner Objective:**

**Item:**

In the poem “The Highwayman” by Alfred Noyes, locate each of the following types of figurative language: metaphor, simile, onomatopoeia. Write each example on the correct line, and explain in non-figurative language the meaning of each example.

Figurative Language	Example from poem	Meaning
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Metaphor

Simile

Onomatopoeia

**Example(s) of Correct Response:**

Metaphor: Example from poem: *The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas.*

Meaning: The moon resembled a mysterious ship. It seemed to sail across the night sky through the clouds.

Simile: Example from poem: *...they shot him down on the highway, down like a dog on the highway...*

Meaning: The soldiers shot the highwayman down as if his life did not matter at all. They had no feeling for him as a person. His life had no more value than that of an animal's.

Onomatopoeia: Example from poem: *Tlot-tlot*

Meaning: The horse's hooves make this sound on the cobblestones as the highwayman rides.

**Scoring Guide:**

3 Points: Response includes an example of each type of figurative language and an explanation of each written in non-figurative language.

2 Points: Response includes an example of two types of figurative language, and an explanation of each.

1 Point: Response includes an example of one type of figurative language, and an explanation.

0 Points: Other

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Figurative Language

Example from poem

Meaning

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Onomatopoeia