

Literary Devices in *The Odyssey*

Directions: Find two examples of each literary device. Include a PAGE AND LINE NUMBER for each.

Personification Giving human characteristics to non-human things	<i>Ex: When Dawn spread out her finger tips of rose ... (Homer personifies light)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My example: Example from <i>The Odyssey</i>:
Simile Figure of speech that compares two unlike things, using like or as	<i>Ex: ...straight forward they sprinted, lifted it, and rammed it deep in his crater eye, and I leaned on it turning it as a shipwreck turns a drill</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My example: Example from <i>The Odyssey</i>:
Metaphor Figure of speech that compares two unlike things directly.	<i>Ex: My life is a side-show circus act with no audience</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My example: Example from <i>The Odyssey</i>:
Alliteration Repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words	<i>Ex: Screeching steam</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My example: Example from <i>The Odyssey</i>:
Onomatopoeia Words whose sounds make you think of their meanings	<i>Ex: Screeching, hissed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My example: Example from <i>The Odyssey</i>:
Dramatic Irony The audience or reader knows more about the character's situation than the character does or knows the character's understanding is incorrect	<i>Ex: The man walked down the creaking steps into the basement, unsure of what the noise was hiding behind the cobweb-covered door.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My example: Example from <i>The Odyssey</i>:
Hyperbole A deliberate exaggeration or overstatement	<i>Ex: Odysseus' iron grip could last the test of many lifetimes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My example: Example from <i>The Odyssey</i>:

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