

Simile/Moon Rondeau/Woman (page 255) **Active Reading SkillBuilder****Understanding Comparisons**

Poets often make **comparisons** in order to convey meaning or emotion in fresh and interesting ways. Read "Simile," "Moon Rondeau," and "Woman," then use the chart below to track the comparisons in each poem. First identify the two things being compared. Then write down a few words or a phrase that describes the meaning or emotions that the comparison evokes. One example has been given.

Poem	Item 1	Item 2	Suggested Meaning
"Moon Rondeau"	<i>love</i>	<i>door</i>	<i>Love can open the way to new experiences.</i>
"Simile"			
"Woman"			

Simile/Moon Rondeau/Woman (page 255)**Literary Analysis SkillBuilder****Figurative Language**

Words or phrases known as **figurative language** communicate ideas beyond the ordinary, literal meanings of the words. Figurative language also includes specific **figures of speech**, such as simile—a stated comparison using the words *like* or *as*—and metaphor—an exaggerated comparison that does not use the words *like* or *as*. Use the chart below to list and identify examples of similes, metaphors, and other figurative language in these poems. One example has been done for you.

Poem	Example of Figurative Language	Simile/Metaphor/Other Figurative Language
<i>"Woman"</i>	<i>"she wanted to be a robin singing through the leaves ..."</i>	<i>other figurative language</i>

Follow Up: Choose one poem and think of new comparisons for an extension of that poem. Try to retain the spirit of the original poem.

Simile/Moon Rondeau/Woman (page 255)**Selection Open-Book Test**

A. Consider the simile in "Simile." Think about how the deers' and the people's situations are alike and how they are different. Then, in the boxes below, write notes to answer the questions. (12 points each)

Question	Deer	People
1. What do they fear?		
2. What could happen if they are not cautious?		
3. Is their caution natural or unnatural to them? Why do you think this?		

B. Write the letter of the best answer. This exercise is continued on the next page. (6 points each)

- _____ 1. You can infer that the season of year in "Moon Rondeau" is
- spring.
 - fall.
 - summer.
 - winter.
- _____ 2. What can you infer about the couple in "Moon Rondeau"?
- They have been together for years.
 - They are beginning a relationship.
 - They will most likely part ways with each other.
 - They are having an argument.
- _____ 3. Which sentence **best** describes the man in "Woman"?
- He would prefer to have the woman leave.
 - He finds it easy to be supportive of the woman.
 - He loves the woman very much.
 - He does not try to support or understand the woman.

- _____ 4. The last line of "Simile" suggests that
- the two people have a strong relationship.
 - they will probably not leave each other.
 - the two people may soon separate.
 - neither one is very stubborn.

C. Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of these three poems. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

- Choose a comparison from each of these poems and explain what the comparison means. What does it reveal about the couple described in the poem and their relationship? Explain your answers.
- What do you think the woman really wants from the man in "Woman"? Choose three verses from the poem. For each verse, explain what the woman is looking for from the man.

D. Linking Literature to Life. Answer the following question based on your own experience and knowledge. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

In your opinion, what do all three poems say about relationships? Do you think it is difficult to maintain a close relationship? Explain your answers.