Figures of Speech
Alliteration Exercise #4 from PowerPoint #4

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Alliteration

repetition of consonant sounds usually at the beginnings of words

example:

Star light, Star bright,
First star I've seen tonight

Directions:

In each selection below, find the alliteration. Write the consonant that is repeated on the line at the left.

_____ 1. I couldn't hear myself step, so dense and damp were the needles.

-- Jean George, My Side of the Mountain

_____ 2. This fickle, dangerous, and fearful mountain has a mine at its feet.

-- William Pene Du Bois, The Twenty-One Balloons

_____ 3. Serene the silver fishes glide
Stern-lipped, and pale, and wonder-eyed.

-- Max Eastman, "At the Aquarium"

_____ 4. Weep, weep ye woodmen! Wail; your hands with sorrow wring!

-- Anthony Munday, "Song"

_____ 5. He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
close to the sun in lonely lands,
ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

-- Alfred Lord Tennyson, "The Eagle"

On Your Own

Make up a sentence that uses alliteration to describe each thing below. (8)

- fish
- ocean
- sailboat
- squirrel