Figurative Language SHOWS
It's the difference between SHOWING and TELLING

Alliteration-- Repeated **beginning** consonant sounds, such as "feather falling free onto the forest floor"

Consonance-- Repeated consonant sounds, such as "Six boys ambled into the cabin, gabbing away. Each grabbed a brownie, freshly baked, and plopped onto bean bag chairs in front of the Xbox."

Personification-- Giving life to something not living; such as "the sun smiled down on us" or "the basketball called to me; I had to shoot a baskets." "The wind whispered to me through the window and brushed my face."

Onomatopoeia-- (ah no mah toe pee ah) Words that sound like the sound they make, such as Bam! Pop! Bang! slap gurgle Phzzzzt

Simile-- Comparing two things that are different and finding a similarity -- write it using like or as , such as comparing how high the eagle flies to how a skyscraper is. The eagle flies as high as a skyscraper .

Metaphor -- comparing two different objects --- "Her sparkling eyes are stars."

Imagery: Use The Senses-- Write all **sights**, **sounds**, smells, tastes, texture, feelings about your topic

How might it smell, taste?
How might it feel if you touched it?
Ideas from the poem: piercing eyes; white head; crooked yellow talons; munching grass; flapping in the cold winter wind

Hyperbole -- extreme exaggeration. "His grin is as wide as the ocean!" "She is as tall as a mountain!"

Author Musts:

Vivid verbs-- Action words like flies, spread, searching, hops, munches, drops, fold, dives, scoop, flaps, flows

Imagery-- Sights and sounds "The wind whispered to me through the window and brushed my face."; can include simile/metaphor

Nifty nouns-- Specific nouns (persons, places, things, ideas); instead of dog, say German Shepard; instead of fast, say 100 miles an hour; instead animal, say rabbit or snake

Assonance-- Repeated vowel sounds, such as flies across the skies

Repeated words-- Repeat words for effect, like "hops, munches, hops, munches" to show the rabbit doesn't know the danger

_____ Elaboration Snapshot Activity

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