



ELA Virtual Learning

A.P. English Lit. and Comp.

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Lesson: **May 18, 2020**

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will be able to effectively analyze metaphors in an AP worthy text using the metaphor triangle strategy .

Success Starter

Directions: Watch the video below. After watching the video, on a sheet of paper, create your own metaphor.

[Metaphor Video](#)

Metaphor Triangles

Today you will be introduced to a strategy for analyzing metaphor known as a metaphor triangle. This strategy works similarly to a venn diagram. When you locate a metaphor, you can find meaning into why it is being used by setting it up in a triangle formation.

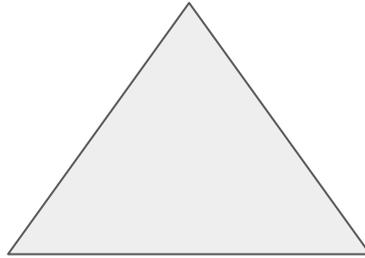
When using a metaphor triangle correctly, you will need a new triangle for each metaphor you find. This can mean a lot of triangles- depending on how many are in a given text.

In order to save yourself from drowning in a sea of triangles, it is helpful to narrow down which metaphors you are interested in analyzing the most. The most important metaphors to analyze are going to be the ones that are repeated or that reveal the most about a universal theme in the text.

Metaphor Triangle

How to set up a metaphor triangle:

What do these things have in common?



Person/place/object/event #1

Person/place/object/event #2

Metaphor Triangle Example

Fog
BY CARL SANDBURG

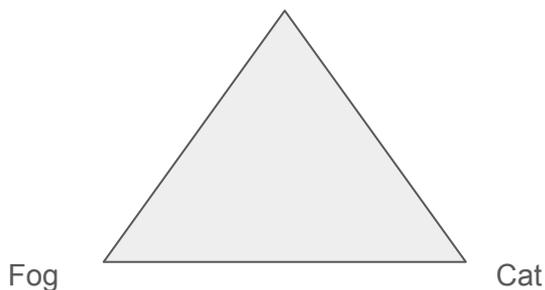
The fog comes
on little cat feet.

It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

“Sits looking over”

“silent”, sneaky, both move with a sliding and fluid motion

Color of gray or white



Metaphor Triangle Practice

Read the following poem, and set up your own metaphor triangle on the same sheet of paper as your success starter.

“Hope” is the thing with feathers - (314)

BY EMILY DICKINSON

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

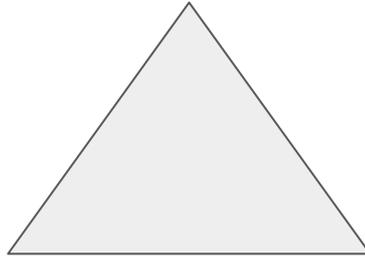
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

Metaphor Triangle Practice Sample

can be found in many places
“Sings”, “perches”
Keeps people “warm”
Never stops- it’s always there
Always positive without reason

Hope



Bird

More Metaphor Triangle Practice

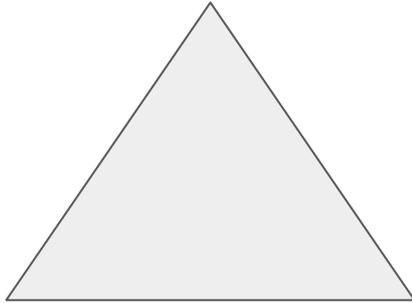
Read the poem “The Author to Her Book” by Anne Bradstreet. Create a metaphor triangle for this poem on the same sheet of paper as your success starter and previous practice.

“The Author to Her Book” by Anne Bradstreet.

Metaphor Triangle Samples

You may have a variety of different triangles for this poem.

Always judging and revising
Would “fix it” (mistakes) if I could
Washing away blemishes (correcting, revising)
Sends “it” out the door (publishes) before “mother” is ready

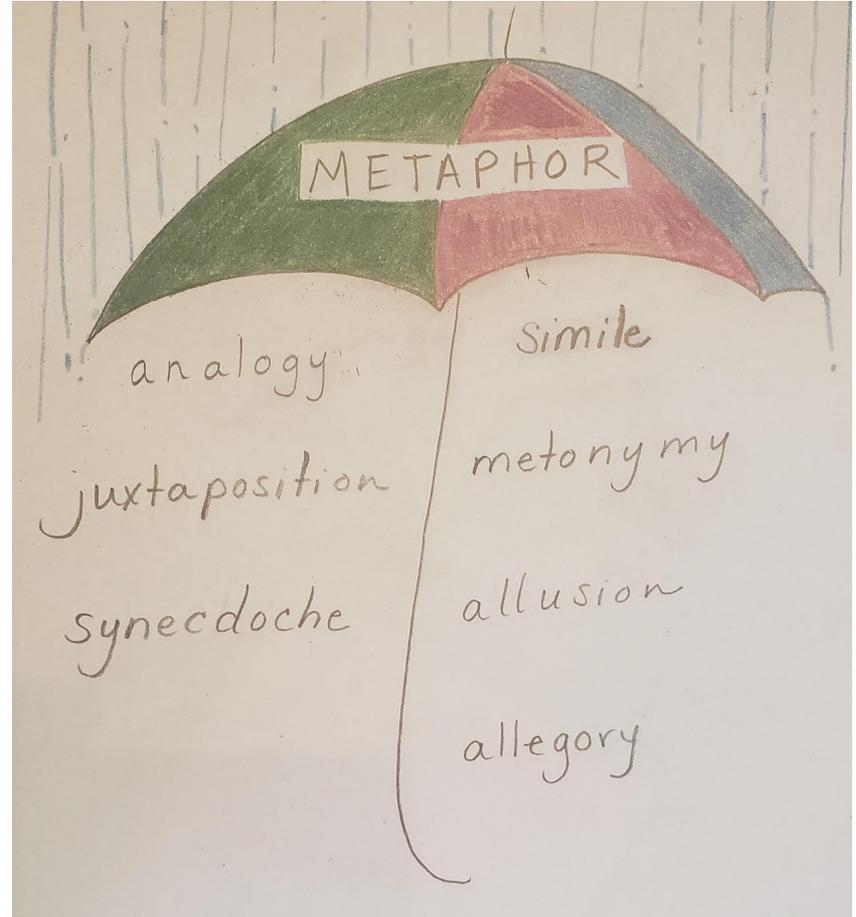


Author (writing a book)

Parent (raising a child)

Metaphor Triangles

There are many types of metaphor- any time a comparison is being made in literature or poetry between two things, it is metaphor. There are many different types. Bottom line: whether it's a simile, an allegory, a juxtaposition, a synecdoche or an allusion- **IT'S ALL METAPHOR!**



Additional Resource

The following link will take you to a page with several examples from literature. It also expands on how to analyze and find meaning in metaphor.

[Metaphors in Literature](#)