



EXTRACTING POETIC DEVICES WITH AI

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OVERVIEW

We'll use AI tools like ChatGPT to help us identify and understand key poetic devices in Tracey K. Smith's "It's Not". We'll explore devices such as imagery, metaphor, personification, repetition, and enjambment.



POETIC DEVICES WE'LL BE LOOKING OUT FOR:



- ☐ **Enjambment**
- ☒ **Personification**
- ☐ **Imagery**
- ☐ **Simile**

Task:

Copy and paste the text of the poem into the AI you're using (I use Chat GPT). Ask it to help you find these devices in "It's Not" by typing a question such as:

"What poetic devices are used in 'It's Not' by Tracey K. Smith?"

WHAT AI MIGHT HIGHLIGHT

Enjambment

"Enjambment appears between the lines 'Graceful crawl, shoulders rippling, / Legs slicing away at the waves, gliding'. This device helps create a sense of motion and flow."

Simile

"The line 'the white cloud of his hair / In the distance like an eternity' uses a simile, comparing the appearance of hair to the vastness of eternity."

Personification

"The line 'death was thinking what it owed him' is an example of personification, as it gives death human-like qualities."


Imagery

"The white cloud of his hair' is an example of imagery, creating a vivid image of distance and age."

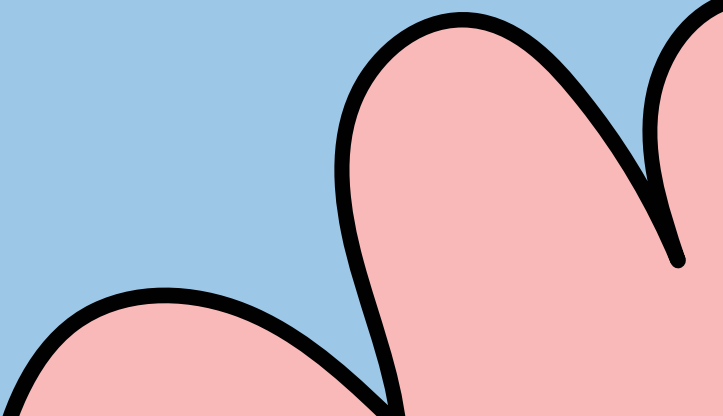
Analysing These Devices


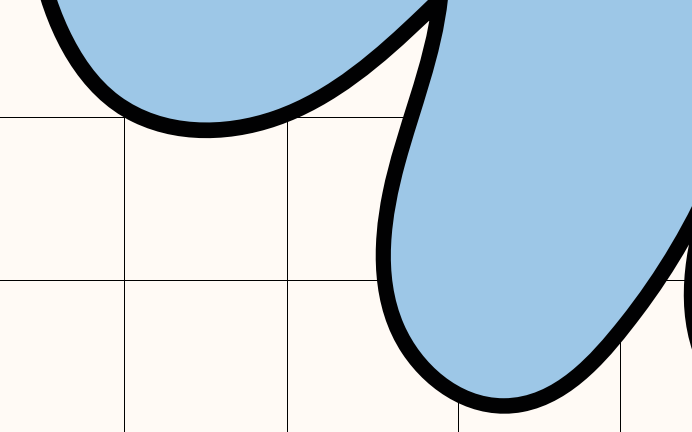
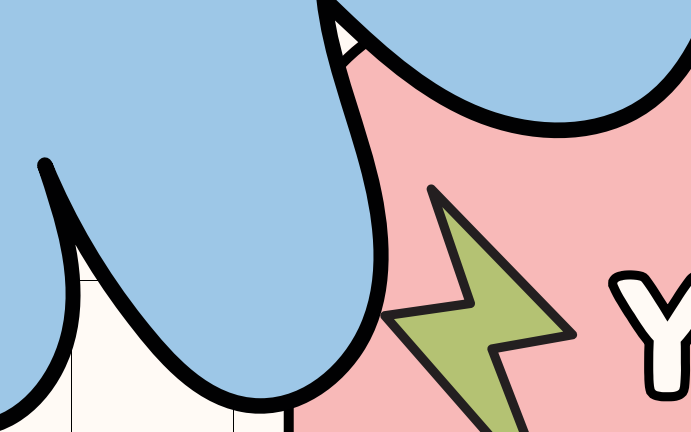
Use a prompt to determine how these poetic devices affect the tone and meaning of the poem. For example,

"How do enjambment, simile, and personification contribute to the mood of 'It's Not'?"



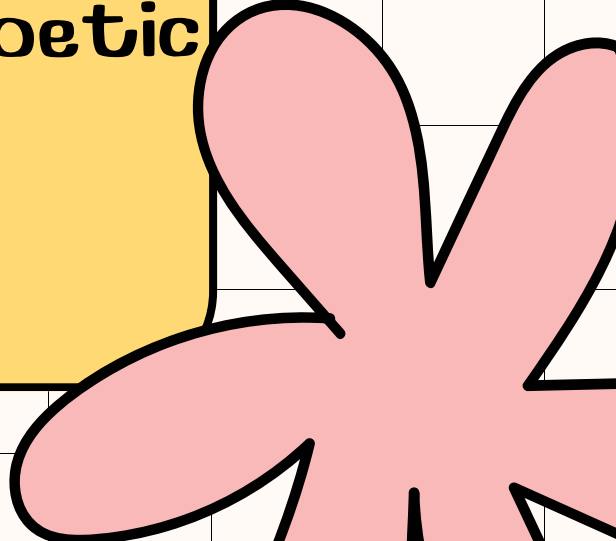
"The enjambment between 'Graceful crawl, shoulders rippling, / Legs slicing away at the waves' gives the poem a sense of ongoing motion, which reflects the speaker's contemplation of life and death. The simile comparing the hair to 'eternity' reinforces the idea of distance and the infinite. Personification of death makes it an active, thoughtful force in the poem, rather than something passive."





YOUR TURN - PRACTICE IDENTIFYING TECHNIQUES

Activity:

- Use AI to focus on one device. For example, ask, "How does simile affect the tone of 'It's Not'?"
 - Share your findings with your classmates and discuss how these poetic devices shape the meaning and tone of the poem.
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REFLECTION

**How did finding these devices
change your understanding of
the poem?**

**Try using AI to explore poetic
devices in other poems to
deepen your analysis.**