

Figurative Language in Macbeth

Locate and explain the following elements of personification in Macbeth. You will create this type of sheet for Othello.

Allusion – an implied or indirect reference to a historical, Biblical, mythological, or literary person or thing.

1. "...or memorize another Golgotha"
2. "Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean fro my hands?"
3. "Who's there i' the name of Belzebub?"

Personification – giving to an inanimate object a human attribute

1. "...with his brandished steel/which smoked with bloody execution"
2. "But treasons capital, confessed and proved,/have overthrown him"
3. "Time and the hour runs through the roughest day."
4. "...his virtues will plead like angels"
5. "The bell invites me"
6. "...where our fate...may rush and seize us?"

Simile: Comparison of two unlike things without using like or as

1. "Our captains, Macbeth and Banquo...as cannons overcharged"
2. "New honors come upon him, /Like our strange garments..."
3. "Your face, my thane, is as a book"
4. "...his virtues will plead like angels"