Figurative Language Review Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recall these terms:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ giving life-like qualities to inanimate objects

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comparing two unlike objects using the words like or as

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comparing two unlike objects without using the words like or as

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ repeating an initial sound in words appearing close together

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ creating a word by its sound

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a common expression, not intended to be taken literally

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an unrealistic exaggeration used for dramatic effect

Study these lines from the story. Locate and label each with one of the terms listed above.

1. …I began to wake up at night to find hunger standing at my bedside, staring at me gauntly.

2. ---a little later I would feel hunger nudging my ribs, twisting my empty guts until they ached.

3. …whenever I felt hunger, I thought of my father with a deep, biological bitterness.

4. I was proud; I felt like a grown-up.

5. They yanked me to my feet, gave me a few slaps, and sent me home sobbing.

6. My mother met me at the door.

7. I started up the steps, seeking the shelter of the house.

8. I froze in my tracks and stared at her.

Consider these lines that were pulled from original endings written by students. What types of figurative language do they include?

9. They stared me down like a pack of hungry wolves do when they are stalking their prey.

10. The pain rain through my body like electricity through a wire.

11. I finally got the nerve to step off the steps into the dark, menacing street.

12. Whack! My stick found its way to the boy’s head, splitting it open like a cracked walnut.

13. Three strikes from my stick and the little one was down for the count.

14. Even though I wanted to hide, I knew I had to face that gang.

15. Something in me just snapped; I couldn’t control what happened next.

16. With a swift, sideways circular motion, I slammed three of the boys in the ribs and back.

17. The unmistakably clear click of the lock sent a shiver down my spine.

18. I had nowhere to go and no one to count on.

19. Normally I wasn’t a violent boy at all, but that stick had a mind of its own and sought revenge

for the pain and suffering I had endured.

20. Now you try… copy or create a sentence of your own which uses one type of figurative

language: