**I. Analyzing Poetry- Reading the poems below, respond in 2-3 sentences answering the questions in full (5 points each)**

**The Dependable Locker**

1 Rushing to get to me,

You have to scream and push.

You’re bumped and kicked,

Scraped and hit,

5 Just to get your books.

When you’ve finally reached me,

You find out that I’m jammed and stuck,

Sticking like gum on a desk.

So hard, you slam your foot into me,

10 And turn the dial again.

1. Pick one simile or metaphor from the poem and explain what effect the author created by using it.

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The Ballad of Captain Super

By John Ham

Big as life, the captain graced

The highest roof in town.

An eagle in his mountain perch,

He scanned the world around.

A vocal chorus reached his ear—

A crisis had been born!

Cap summoned all his steely strength,

Recalling what he’d sworn:

Protect the decent, right the wrongs,

And always, just in time,

Rescue frightened children from

Practitioners of crime.

Now spotting with his mighty eyes

The source of this distress,

He knew what move he had to make

As masters do in chess.

The captain hurtled forth and down,

An angel from on high,

And landed softly as a brick—

The captain couldn’t fly.

I open up,

And you grab your things.

Goodbye, you say,

By giving me a slam.

15 You dive into a river

Of kids and teachers too.

You’re gone, disappeared,

But I know you’ll be back soon

Because I have you’re books and things

That you’ll need for class.

You see, I am locker 1004

2. Why does the speaker say that Captain Super is “an eagle in his mountain perch”?

A. because Captain Super lives in a nest on a mountain.

B. because it helps readers imagine CS on a building

C. because CS is really an eagle, not a person

D. because the poet is confused about who CS is

3. Comparing Captain Super to an eagle is an example of

A. metaphor

B. simile

C. Euphemism

D. Idiom

4. The lines “he knew what move he had to make/ As masters do in chess” most likely mean

A. Captain Super is a master chess player.

B. Captain Super is certain of what to do.

C. Captain Super thinks of life as a game.

D. Captain Super hates making decisions.

5. The phrase “landed softly as a brick” most likely means that

A. Captain Super landed very softly

B. Bricks land softly when they are thrown

C. Captain Super landed softly, but a brick would not

D. Bricks do not land softly, and neither did Captain Super.

**A Frost Fancy**

Summer gone,

Winter here;

Ways are white,

Skies are clear.

And the sun

A red-faced boy

All day sliding,

While at night

The stars appear

Like skaters gliding

On a mere\*. \* Mere: a lake or pond

Quiet noise

Whispered sound

Frost is falling

On the ground.

6. What two things does the poet compare using a simile?

A. day and night C. stars and skaters

B. roads and skies D. winter and summer

7. Which of the following pairs of lines from the poem contain a metaphor?

A. Summer gone,/ Winter Here C. Ways are white,/ Skies are clear

B. And the sun/ A red-faced boy D. All day sliding, / While at night

**Similies and Metaphors**

1. Using only similies and metaphors, describe walking into your first day of school late (5 lines).

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**Finish these similes and metaphors**

1. A friend is like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. AND Friendship is like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. A friend is as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. When I am tired, I am a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. When I am sad, I am a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The dog was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of his blazing-fast speed.
6. The puzzle is as tough as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Pick one simile or metaphor from above and tell what effect it gives the reader.**

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