

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FALL-THEMED ELA ACTIVITIES

figurative language, rhetoric, theme, and novel activities



Teacher Guide

Overview

This activity helps students understand figurative language in a Thanksgiving-themed text and apply their knowledge of figurative language to analyze hyperboles, personification, and metaphors.

Why This Activity?

Middle schoolers often struggle with figurative language. This activity gives them a chance to connect definitions to examples.

Instructions

1. **Introduce Figurative Language**
Use the reference materials to introduce definitions and examples.
2. **Independent Work**
Students complete the worksheet on their own.
3. **Review & Discuss**
Go over the answers and discuss any questions.
4. **Extension Options**
Students can write their own Thanksgiving-themed text using figurative language.



Teacher Guide

Overview

This activity uses Thanksgiving-themed commercials to help students understand how commercials use figurative language to persuade their audience.

Why These Commercials?

There are tons of Thanksgiving commercials that are appropriate for middle school. These commercials are chosen for their use of figurative language to persuade their audience.

Instructions

1. **Introduce Rhetorical Analysis**
Review the definitions of rhetorical analysis and the components of a rhetorical analysis.
2. **Watch Commercials**
Provide students with the videos of the commercials.
3. **Analyze Appeals**
After each commercial, students will analyze the appeals used in the commercial.

Discussion / Writing Prompts

Which rhetorical appeals did you notice in the commercials? Why might advertisers use these appeals?

Assessment

Students will complete a worksheet that asks them to identify the rhetorical appeals used in the commercials and explain how they persuade the audience.

Rhetoric

Rhetorical Analysis



ETHOS



LOGOS



PATHOS



Definition

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Example: argumenter better at Civil Rights

Definition

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Example: when he subject r

Definition

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Example: the logo us statisti recomm

Definition

and is a

Example: arguer response

Figurative LANGUAGE

Simile		Definition: Compares two unlike things using "like" or "as." Example: He was nervous as a turkey on Thanksgiving before the big football game.
Metaphor		Definition: Comparing two things that are not alike to suggest they have something in common. Example: The forest in fall was a colorful box of crayons.
Hyperbole		Definition: an exaggeration that can't possibly be true. Example: My mom made enough food to feed the world on Thanksgiving!
Alliteration		Definition: The repetition of beginning consonant sounds in neighboring words or syllables. Example: Tom took the turkey to Tammy's home.
Onomatopoeia		Definition: The formation of a word from a sound or sounds, "clink" or "clang." Example: The wishbone made a large "crack" when he pulled on it.
Personification		Definition: Giving something nonhuman, actual human qualities. Example: The Thanksgiving feast was calling me home.
Idioms		Definition: An expression of two or more words that has a meaning different from the actual or literal meaning. Example: My brother is a pig at Thanksgiving.
Allusion		Definition: An allusion is a figure of speech that refers to a person, place, person, or event. Example: His grandparents house was big, but not as big as the White House.
Irony		Definition: the expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite. Example: After cooking a huge feast for her family they asked for pizza for dinner instead.

FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ ...

One year after a random

TRAIL

Toby has to finish the final thing on the List. It's a list of brave, daring, totally awesome things that he and his best friend, Lucas, planned to do together, and the only item left is to hike the Appalachian Trail. But now Lucas isn't there to do it with him. Toby is determined to hike the trail alone and fulfill their pact, which means dealing with

FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ ...

before i fall

LAUREN OLIVER

life seven times, until she realizes even the slightest changes, she power than she ever imagined

FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ ...

THE CIRCUS OF STOLEN DREAMS

LORELEI SAVANNAH

After Andrea's brother, Francis, disappeared, everything changed. Her world turned upside down, and there was nothing she could do to right it. So when she discovers a magical dream world called Reverie in the woods near her home, Andrea jumps at the chance to escape her pain and go inside. But the cost of admission is high: Andrea must give up a memory in order to enter. And she knows exactly which memory she likes to give up. Once inside, Andrea discovers that her brother's nightmare has been brought to life. Will Andrea and her new friend Penny have what it takes to find Francis, figure out who's really going on in Reverie, and break free from this nightmare dream world?

JACQUELINE WOODSON



For as long as JJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. As a charming, talented pro football star, he's as beloved to the neighborhood kids he plays with as he is to his millions of adoring sports fans. But lately life at JJ's house is anything but charming. His dad is having trouble remembering things and seems to be angry all the time. JJ's mom explains it's because of all the head injuries his dad has during his career.

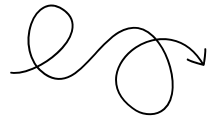
doesn't make the sting any less real for his name. As JJ contemplates his role in how to hold on tight to family's glory days, all the while wondering if his father can't remember it, those happy feelings ever be re-busy aching for the past?



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A MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA



FALL AND THANKSGIVING-THEMED ACTIVITIES BUNDLE

This engaging seasonal unit gives students multiple ways to practice key ELA skills while keeping them hooked with fall-themed texts, songs, and activities. With teacher guides, scaffolded practice, and ready-to-go student pages, you'll have everything you need to bring a little autumn energy into your classroom—without sacrificing depth or rigor.

- ☒ **Thanksgiving Word Search** (color + black-and-white with answer key)
- ☒ **Figurative Language Activity** with Teacher guide, reference chart, student practice pages, and answer key
- ☒ **Thanksgiving TV Commercials: Rhetorical Appeals** with Teacher guide, curated video links, reference pages (ethos, pathos, logos), and student analysis worksheets
- ☒ **Fall Songs Theme/Main Idea** with Teacher guide, curated playlist, and student lyric/theme analysis sheets
- ☒ **Fall Novel "Would You Rather Read..." Activity** with Teacher guide + slides and student response

Fall-themed ELA activities bundle

This bundle of fall-themed activities helps middle schoolers practice figurative language, rhetoric, theme, and independent reading skills, while keeping them engaged with seasonal texts, commercials, songs, and novels. With teacher guides, reference charts, and scaffolded practice, you'll have everything you need to make autumn both academic and fun.

★ Here's what they'll learn:

- **Figurative Language Foundations:** Identify, explain, and create similes, metaphors, idioms, personification, irony, and more in Thanksgiving-themed sentences.
- **Rhetorical Appeals in Media:** Analyze how ethos, pathos, and logos are used in Thanksgiving commercials to persuade audiences.
- **Theme Through Music:** Listen to fall-inspired songs across genres and analyze lyrics for theme, imagery, and tone.
- **Independent Reading Choices:** Explore novels through "Would You Rather" activities that get students thinking critically about genre, plot, and style.

📖 Why this works:

Instead of random holiday worksheets, these activities combine seasonal engagement with real ELA skill-building. Students move from surface-level responses to deeper analysis using high-interest media and texts they can relate to. With built-in teacher guides, reference pages, and answer keys, you can run these activities with confidence and keep the rigor high—even during busy fall weeks.

💡 Perfect for:

- Teachers who want seasonal activities that *still hit standards*
- Students who need engaging, high-interest practice to stay motivated in the fall
- Any middle school ELA class looking to weave seasonal fun into figurative language, media analysis, and theme work

Teachers like you have said...



This resource cost me money! **After reading this, the students couldn't wait to read some of these novels.** I had a bunch in my library, but I ordered the rest quickly. When they came, my students couldn't wait to get their hands on the new books! That made my teacher heart happy!"
– Kingdom A.



My kids loved using this resource for their school day. **They were engaged in the resource and had no trouble getting started. It didn't take a lot of time to prepare this resource, so it was easy for to use quickly.** –Shannon H.



I love all of Martina's things! I bought this because my students loved the similar packet she made with Valentines English activities - I especially love the pick a book activity :) –Literary Jane



"I love all of Martina's resources, so when I heard she was making a Halloween DIGITAL activity, I had to jump on it! This was perfect for my students to do remotely. **They got to choose which activities they wanted to do, so I love the variety. Plus, most of these topics were already covered in class (thanks to her other units), so I didn't have to reteach anything!"**
–Christian B.



My students loved the "would you rather" horror book activity! Many of them found new books to try out and had fun discussing with one another why they would pick one over the other! –Niewo Knows Best



I used this mainly for the mood and tone tasks and it did not disappoint. **My students were so engaged and interested in these activities. Everything you do is GOLD."** –Jennifer S.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL-THemed ELA ACTIVITIES

digital google slides links:

WOULD YOU RATHER READ NOVEL SLIDES:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1m5p4n0KXvVdVvXXI-FHE0_WqLAW6G-AVZINUPY/COPY?usp=sharing

DIGITAL STUDENT ACTIVITY PAGES (GOOGLE SLIDES):

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DxBST0W-INJUCFLX_3H4RCC05Y0M_F9Q-MC0K4/COPY?usp=sharing



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TEACHER GUIDES FOR EACH ACTIVITY

Includes teacher guides, activity materials, full-size reference materials, and student worksheets.

Teacher Guide Page: Thanksgiving Figurative Language

Overview
This activity helps students review and practice identifying types of figurative language in a Thanksgiving-themed context. Students will use a reference and apply their knowledge to sentences that include idioms, similes, hyperboles, personification, irony, and more.

Why This Activity?
Middle schoolers often recognize figurative language when they hear it in everyday conversation.

Teacher Guide Page: Thanksgiving Commercial Rhetorical Appeals

Overview
This activity uses Thanksgiving commercials to teach students about rhetorical appeals (ethos, pathos, logos). Students will watch a curated selection of commercials and analyze how companies use emotional connection, credibility, and logic to persuade their audience.

Teacher Guide Page: Fall Songs Theme Analysis

Overview
This activity uses music with autumn vibes to help students practice the skills they listen to short clips from a curated list of songs across genres and analyze the lyrics for themes, imagery, and seasonal connections.

Disclaimer
I just play the songs, I don't show the videos.
Always preview all songs before playing to check for appropriateness in your classroom.

Why This Activity?
Music provides a powerful and relatable entry point for middle school students to explore figurative language and emotional appeals that connect to analysis skills. Plus, the fall theme helps engage students in a seasonal way.

Instructions

- 1. Introduce the Activity**
 - Explain that students will analyze the lyrics and overall message of each song.
 - Remind them to listen for imagery, figurative language, and overall message.
- 2. Play Song Clips**
 - For time management, play only the first section up to 1:00.
 - Pause after each clip for quick discussion or notes.
 - Use teacher notes provided for any special start times.
- 3. Analyze Themes**

Students can work individually, in pairs, or as a whole class to identify themes.

 - What is the central theme or message of this song?
 - How does it connect to fall, change, memory, or nostalgia?
 - What figurative language devices stand out?
- 4. Wrap-Up Writing / Discussion**
 - Compare how different genres express similar fall themes.
 - Optional writing prompt: Choose one song and explain how its theme connects to your own fall experiences.

Differentiation Ideas

- Support:** Provide lyric excerpts or guiding questions.
- Challenge:** Ask students to compare a song to a poem or short story with a similar theme.
- Engagement:** Let students suggest and analyze their own "fall" songs.

Teacher Guide Page: Fall Would You Rather Read...

Overview
This activity helps students explore new novels while practicing decision-making and written explanation skills. Students read short synopses of two books, decide which one they would rather read, and explain their reasoning.

Why This Activity?
This "Would You Rather" structure builds buzz around independent reading by presenting students with real choices. It also encourages them to think critically about what draws them to a book—whether it's genre, plot, theme, or style.

Instructions

- 1. Introduce the Activity**
 - Show students the slides (included in a separate file).
 - Each slide presents two fall-themed novels with cover images and a synopsis.
- 2. Student Choice**
 - Students read both synopses.
 - They choose which book they would rather read.
 - They write a short explanation for their choice, citing something specific from the synopsis that appealed to them.
- 3. Optional Add-On**
 - If you have physical copies of the books, display them in the classroom.
 - Encourage students to check them out or preview the activity.
 - Use this as a springboard into book talks, reading, or literature circles.

Differentiation Ideas

- Support:** Provide sentence starters like "I would rather read... because..."
- Challenge:** Ask students to connect their choice to a specific theme or genre.
- Engagement:** Let students vote on the results on a class chart.

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FIVE FALL-THEMED ELA ACTIVITIES

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

Find the Thanksgiving words in the word search.

X	U
S	G
R	E
U	L
B	E
M	X

Figurative LANGUAGE



Definition: Compares two unlike things using "like" or "as."

Example: He was nervous as a turkey on Thanksgiving before the big football game.

Definition: Comparing two things that are not alike to suggest they have

THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Search below.



W	N	X	D	C	N	F	G
G	U	U	A	E	B	A	H
A	V	I	J	N	T	J	A
W	B	L	K	H	O	B	R
J	C	Y	E	W	N	E	V

Name: _____ Date: _____

DETERMINING THE TYPE OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Determine which type of figurative language is used and then explain its meaning or how it is that particular type of figurative language.



1. _____ She squirreled away her allowance to buy a new bike.

Meaning: _____

THANKSGIVING COMMERCIALS RHETORICAL APPEALS

Watch the Thanksgiving commercials and identify the ethos, pathos, and logos used in each. Some may not have all three appeals but think critically about how all three might be included.

Name: _____ Date: _____

ANALYZING THE THEME OF FALL SONGS

Listen to the famous summer songs and/or read the lyrics and determine the theme and main idea of the music. Provide one piece of evidence (a song lyric) that proves your theme.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

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Determine which type of figurative language is used and then explain its meaning or how it is that particular type of figurative language.

1. _____ She squirreled away her allowance to buy a new bike.

Meaning: _____

2. _____ The autumn tree held a sea of acorns.

Meaning: _____

3. _____ His mom told him to break a leg before he went to the Thanksgiving Day parade.

Meaning: _____

4. _____ The apple never falls far from the tree.

Meaning: _____

5. _____ The pumpkin pie was smooth as silk.

Meaning: _____

6. _____ The turkey she bought looked like it weighed a ton.

Meaning: _____

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RHETORICAL ANALYSIS



Definition: A reason or set of reasons given with the aim of persuading others that an action or idea is right or wrong

Example: Alyssa wrote a paper, and her argument was that Martin Luther King was better at encouraging change during the Civil Rights Movement, than Malcolm X.

ETHOS



Definition: Ethos is an appeal to ethics, and it is a means of convincing someone of the character or credibility of the persuader

Example: The author used the ethos appeal when he told us he had had a PhD in the subject matter that he was presenting on.

LOGOS



Definition: An appeal to logic and is a way of persuading an audience by reason.

Example: The toothpaste commercials use the logos rhetorical appeal when they give us statistics on how many dentists recommend their toothpaste.

PATHOS



Definition: Pathos is an appeal to emotion and is a way of convincing an audience of an argument by creating an emotional response.

Example: The commercial with the dogs in cages, and the sad song in the background, is trying to use the pathos rhetorical appeal.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

FALL NOVEL WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

Read the synopsis for each novel pair and then write the title of the book you would rather read. Then write an explanation as to why you'd prefer that book.

WOULD YOU RATHER READ BOOK 1: _____

EXPLANATION/EVIDENCE: _____

WOULD YOU RATHER READ BOOK 2: _____

EXPLANATION/EVIDENCE: _____

WOULD YOU RATHER READ BOOK 3: _____

EXPLANATION/EVIDENCE: _____



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WOULD YOU RATHER READ... ACTIVITY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ BOOK 1: _____

EXPLANATION/EVIDENCE: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

FALL NOVEL WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

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WOULD YOU RATHER READ BOOK 2: _____

EXPLANATION/EVIDENCE: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

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- Use this as a springboard into book talks, independent reading, or literature circles.

Differentiation Ideas

- Support:** Provide sentence starters like "I would rather read _____ because..."
- Challenge:** Ask students to connect their choice to a past favorite book or genre.
- Engagement:** Let students vote on the most popular picks and track results on a class chart.

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FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

For Lara, there is simply nothing better than being a kid. From her point of view, the adult world is too serious. No one wants to be a kid.

FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

Eleven-year-old Silas is awoken in the dead of night by three menacing horsemen who take his father away. Silas is left shaken, scared, and alone, except for the presence of his companion, Mittenwool... who happens to be a ghost. When a pony shows up at his door, Silas makes the courageous decision to leave his home and embark on a perilous journey to find his father.

FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

Isaac and Marco already know sixth grade is going to change their lives. But it won't change things at all.

FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

Pax was only a kit when his family was killed, and "his boy" Peter rescued him from abandonment.

FALL STORY

WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

Twelve-year-old Silas is awoken in the dead of night by three menacing horsemen who take his father away. Silas is left shaken, scared, and alone, except for the presence of his companion, Mittenwool... who happens to be a ghost. When a pony shows up at his door, Silas makes the courageous decision to leave his home and embark on a perilous journey to find his father.

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Fall-themed songs theme activity

Each lesson plan has a teacher guide, all teacher links, student resources, and any applicable reference sheets.



Teacher Guide Page Fall Songs Theme Analysis

DISCLAIMER: I JUST PLAY THE SONGS. I DON'T SHOW THE VIDEOS. PREVIEW ALL VIDEOS AND SONGS BEFORE SHOWING OR PLAYING

I've compiled a list and links to videos of songs with a fall vibe.. I've compiled a selection of songs from various musical genres, allowing you to pick and choose. For the sake of time, I've only included the first verse and chorus of each song.

1. "Septe

2. "All To

3. "Wake

4. "What

5. "Nove

6. "Septe

7. "Boys

8. "Land

9. "Caila

10. "Autu

11. "Cata



Teacher Guide Page Fall Songs Theme Analysis

Overview

This activity uses music with autumn vibes to help students practice theme analysis. Students will listen to short clips from a curated list of songs across genres, then analyze the lyrics for themes, imagery, and seasonal connections.

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Why This Activity?

Music provides a powerful and relatable entry point for middle schoolers. Many songs use figurative language and emotional appeals that connect easily to literary analysis skills. Plus, the fall theme helps engage students in a seasonal and creative way.

Instructions

1. Introduce the Activity

- Explain that students will analyze the lyrics and overall theme of each song.
- Remind them to listen for imagery, figurative language, tone, and message.

2. Play Song Clips

- For time management, play only the first section up to the chorus.
- Pause after each clip for quick discussion or notes.
- Use teacher notes provided for any special start times or cautions.

3. Analyze Themes

- Students can work individually, in pairs, or as a whole class to identify:
 - What is the central theme or message of this song?
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 - What figurative language devices stand out?

4. Wrap-Up Writing / Discussion

- Compare how different genres express similar fall themes.
- Optional writing prompt: *Choose one song and explain how its theme connects to your own fall experiences.*

Differentiation Ideas

- Support:** Provide lyric excerpts or guiding questions.
- Challenge:** Ask students to compare a song to a poem or short story with a similar theme.
- Engagement:** Let students suggest and analyze their own "fall vibe" songs.

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SONG EIGHT:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

SONG NINE:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

SONG TEN:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

SONG ELEVEN:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

SONG TWELVE:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

Name: _____

ANALYZING THE THEME

Listen to the famous summer songs and/or read the lyrics. Provide one piece of evidence for the theme of the music.

SONG ONE:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

SONG TWO:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

SONG THREE:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

Text Evidence: _____

SONG FOUR:

Main Idea: _____

Theme: _____

THEME STATEMENTS

- Human beings are always searching for acceptance.
- Bravery comes in many forms.
- Change is hard.
- Human beings are courageous when they are called upon to have courage.
- Family is important.
- Family is important, but it is okay to have boundaries.
- Don't judge a book by its cover.
- Greed can ruin your life.
- Kindness is one of the most important things we can give to others.
- Love is blind.
- With great power, comes great responsibility.
- Wisdom comes from learning through life experiences.
- Perseverance pays off in the end.
- Only the strong survive.
- Life isn't always fair.
- We should remember where we came from.

THEME TOPICS IN LITERATURE

- Acceptance
- Adoption
- Ambition
- Apathy
- Art
- Beauty
- Betrayal
- Birth
- Bravery
- Change
- Communication
- Cooperation
- Courage
- Creativity
- Cultures
- Death
- Discovery
- Divorce
- Dreams
- Equality
- Fairness
- Faith
- Family
- Friendship
- Good vs. Evil
- Greed
- Growing Up
- Happiness
- Hate
- Honesty
- Hope
- Immortality
- Independence
- Judgment
- Justice
- Kindness
- Knowledge
- Loneliness
- Love
- Moving
- Music
- Nature
- Peace
- Peer Pressure
- Perseverance
- Power
- Pride
- Progress
- Religion
- Rumors
- Running away
- Sacrifice
- School Life
- Science
- Self-Discovery
- Self-Esteem
- Sharing
- Siblings
- Suffering
- Survival
- Teamwork
- Temptation
- Trust
- War
- Wealth
- Wisdom
- Youth



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digital student notebook and google slides included

FALL ELA Activities ☆ 📁 🌤️

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FALL NOVEL WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

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FALL STORY WOULD YOU RATHER READ...

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FALL COMMERCIALS RHETORICAL APPEALS

Watch the Thanksgiving commercials and identify the ethos, pathos, and logos used in each. Some may not have all three appeals but think critically about how all three might be included.

1. 80's Thanksgiving Season Commercials

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