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Personification Worksheet 7

Directions: In each sentence, an object or idea is personified. Identify the object or idea that is personified and explain which human trait or action is given to the object or idea.

Personification: a figurative language technique where an object or idea is given human traits or characteristics.

1. Out of the window a sea of green trees
Lift their soft boughs like the arms of a dancer;
They beckon and call me, "Come out in the sun!"
But I cannot answer.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

2. Illusion's laughter, fancy's tears,
The mimic loves of yesternight,
On empty stages of the years
Awake in the dim light.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

3. Who's the jester? He is one,
Who behind the scenes hath been,
Caught Life with his make-up off,
Found him but a harlequin
Cast to play a tragic part--
And the two laughed, heart to heart!

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

4. The flower of day grew old and withered,
Night with a sigh sat down beside her loom
Winding her shuttle with a silver thread.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

5. The herded pines commune, and have deep thoughts,
A secret they assemble to discuss,
When the sun drops behind their trunks which glare like grates

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

6. Unkempt about those hedges blows
An English unofficial rose;
Here tulips bloom as they are told;

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

7. Some strange and exquisite desire
Has thrilled this flowering almond tree
Whose branches shake so wistfully,

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

8. Bare of the grudging grass, and bare
Of the tall forest's careless shade,

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

9. Gentle and brown, above the pool,
And laughs the immortal river still
Under the mill, under the mill.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

10. I saw a slowly stepping train-- / Lined on the brows, scoop-eyed and bent and hoar--
Following in files across a twilit plain / A strange and mystic form the foremost bore

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____